

Woodpecker Class

Information for parents

Term 3



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Regular events:

Monday: PE

Tuesday: Music

Wednesday: Community Based learning

Thursday: PE Enrichment

Friday: Food Technology

General Information

Welcome to Woodpecker class! We have 15 students in our class, aged year 7 to year 9. This term our topic is called Time Travellers; which we will incorporate into all areas of the curriculum.

Homework and contact

Thank you for using the Home/School Journals, the comments we receive are really helpful. Please do continue to let us know if you have any questions or concerns. Please read/share a book with your child every night, using the reading record to support this. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate named clothing for activities we are doing such as PE kit, coats and jumpers.

English:

In English pupils will be developing their writing skills through a range of different genre e.g. Story writing, recounts, instructions and non-fiction reports.

Pupils will be improving their phonic skills through Little Wandle Letters and Sounds.

Our daily reading sessions will include a range of tasks e.g. Guided Reading sessions and Individual Reading sessions.

We will be following a number of texts which link to our topic of time travellers such as How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth, The Dinosaur who Pooped the Past and Stig of the Dump.

Maths:

Pupils will be learning about multiplication and division, money, length, capacity and temperature in maths.



History:

Pupils will be learning about pre-historic times including when the dinosaurs roamed the Earth.



Science:

Pupils will be learning about soil and rocks and will be exploring the properties of both of these. They will also be looking at what conditions seeds need to grow.

Art:

Pupils will be exploring art work in caves and be creating their own art work using different media.

Food Tech:

The pupils will be making a range of items related to breakfasts on Thursday morning.



Life Skills:

This term we are developing our self help skills around the home including; making the bed, being safe in the kitchen and being responsible for our own belongings.

We will also have a weekly computing lesson, allowing pupils to upskill their ICT skills.

PSHE (Personal, social and health education):

In PHSE, the pupils will be following a programme called Life Lessons where they learn about different aspects of fire, road and home safety. This will be incorporated into our Community based learning whereby we will walk to Tesco Express to buy ingredients for cooking every Wednesday afternoon.

Physical Education:

Woodpecker Class will be completing a range of team games in PE; developing their teamwork and decision making skills. On our PE Enrichment afternoon we will be having Dance and Movement.



Religious Education:

In RE the pupils will be learning about Christians and what they believe in.



Geography

This term, the pupils will be learning about Gravesend, maps and the wider world.



Careers

On a Friday afternoon the pupils will be researching different uniforms that people wear for their job.

