

## English

Our writing this half term will focus on journey stories with *The Snail and The Whale* by Julia Donaldson as our text. Later in the half term we will look at the direct language needed to write good instructions helping Mr Wolf to make some pancakes.

Phonics – our daily phonics sessions will continue revisiting and teaching using the Read Write Inc approach, as well as No Nonsense Spellings to develop understanding of spelling rules, with spelling tests on a **Friday**. Please ensure reading books are in school each day so books can be changed as frequently as is necessary.

In our whole class reading sessions we will read non-fiction texts, familiarising ourselves with the features of information books as well as finding out all about whales. Our whole class novel will link with our history unit of work. We will read an abridged version of *Oliver Twist* by Charles Dickens.

## RE

We will be finding out light and how it is used in different religions as part of celebration. We will discuss lights importance during Diwali, Hanukkah and Christmas.

## German – Mrs Burton

We will be continuing to learn ways we can say hello and goodbye in German as well as counting to 10 and talking about how old we are.

## Science

In our science lessons this half term we will be learning about the different seasons and how the environment changes during each one. We will be looking for signs of different seasons coming and discussing how to dress appropriately for them.

## History

Our focus this half term will be about finding out how children's lives have changed over time. Looking at the work of Dr Barnardo during the late Victorian period to ensure 'no child was turned away.' We will also discover how the NHS came about and the impact on children's lives today.

## PE

Our PE sessions will be on **Wednesday. Named kit please!** Only indoor kit required this half term. We will be following a unit of work in dance called *Growing and Water (Dance)* before moving on to the unit *Feet 1 (dribbling with feet)*.

## PSHE / RSE

Our focus this half term is 'Dreams & Goals. In this unit we will be discussing our individual qualities and looking at how we can use them to support us in making our wishes for the future come true.

## ODL – Mrs Newton

Our ODL sessions will take place on Friday mornings. Please provide layers of clothing suitable for weather in January and wellie boots.

# Curriculum Overview Woodpecker Class Spring 1 2022

## Maths

We will focus on multiplication and division number facts and problem solving. We will count in 2, 5, 10 and begin to recall our 2, 5 and 10 x tables. Through practical tasks we will discover more about division as sharing into equal groups.

## Music – Mr Williams

The Suffolk Music Service will continue to visit weekly. Mr Williams will continue finding out about opposites in music from tempo - fast/slow to duration long/short.

## Global Citizenship

Our theme this term is **Social Justice, Equity & Human Rights** with a focus on child labour around the world. Linked to our history work we will raise money for Barnardos through a story marathon event (read 26 books in 26 days). Barnardo's continue to support children and families in need over 120 years after they were first founded.