

# Curriculum Overview

## Woodpecker Class

### Summer 2023

#### English

Our Talk for Writing themes this term will be around letter writing with inspiration from the story *The Day the Crayons Quit* and a losing tale based on the story of *The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch*.

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. We will be taking chapter books from our class library too for those of us wishing to take on a challenge to read because they are fun and interest us.

In our whole class reading sessions we will be practicing our comprehension skills. What do we understand about what we have just read? Can we answer questions about the text? We have many books in our whole class reading list - below are just a few.



#### Science

We will begin our unit of work “What do plants need to grow and what plants grow in the local area?” We will be planting seeds and investigating what happens to plants if they are missing one of the vital ingredients that they need.

We will be naming parts of plants as well as describing their functions and learning the names of some common and wild garden plants including trees.

#### Maths

As well as revisiting our previous learning through our daily “Four Before Challenges” we will be doing a lot of measuring.

We will use rulers to measure the length and height of objects discussing centimetres and metres; how heavy objects are; tell the time on an analogue clock and create pictograms to represent data.

#### Global Citizenship

Our theme this term is **Globalisation & interdependence and Sustainable development**. We will consider how we can reduce our impact on air pollution with a social action project around green energy sources.

## Geography

In Geography we will deepen our understanding of the interaction between physical and human processes finding out about water and air pollution.

## PE - Wednesday

We will be using our outdoor spaces to practice our tennis and athletic skills in the lead up to sports day!

## PSHE / RSE

We will complete our learning around being part of a team working effectively together and then remember how we can keep ourselves safe, who we can trust and what to do if we are unsure of the choice to make.

## Religion

We will be finding out about how different religions believe the world was made. We will be learning about the Christian and Hindu creation stories, how they are similar and different and comparing them with non-religious ideas of how the universe was created.

## History

Our history learning will explore the impact on flight through history and on our lives today. We will find out about the Wright brothers, Amelia Earhart and Amy Johnson, their significance and courage.



## Outdoor Learning – Miss Egler (Friday P.M)

We will be spending the whole term involved in Outdoor Learning. We will be searching for signs of spring, pressing flowers and making suncatchers. Please remember to bring a change of clothing for the session - being prepared for all weathers!

## 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.

## German – Miss Egler

We will be revisiting the words we have already learnt practising our greetings, colours and counting to ten. We will also be learning the names of our body parts.

## Learning Characteristics



## The Important Information

Reading books and reading logs should be in school **every day** and children should read frequently at home.

Library books on a **Monday** please.

PE is on a **Wednesday**.

Outdoor Learning is on a **Friday**.