



Love to Learn, Learn to Care

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Woodpeckers Curriculum Letter – Autumn 2

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We had a busy and exciting start to the school year last term, and this half term promises to be just as enjoyable and full of learning opportunities.

In English, our focus will be on writing recounts, with a particular emphasis on using the 5Ws (who, what, where, when, why) to structure our writing in chronological order. From tomorrow, we'll begin exploring our new text using the Talk for Writing story map approach. You might like to ask your child what they think the mischievous toads might get up to. They'll be diving into the story very soon!

Later in the term, we'll move on to our first Visual Literacy unit, based on the John Lewis advert *Excitable Edgar*. Through this, we'll explore character, plot, and setting, and use these ideas to write diary entries.

In Maths, we're continuing to build our addition and subtraction skills and will begin using written methods such as the column method. We'll then move on to multiplication and division, exploring inverse operations and number fact families. This term, we're focusing on the 3, 4, and 8 times tables. Your support at home is incredibly valuable - your child has access to Maths Shed, TT Rockstars, and Purple Mash, which offer fun and engaging ways to practise. We hope the children are now feeling confident with their 2, 5, and 10 times tables. We'll continue practising these daily in school, but extra practice at home makes a big difference.

In Science, we'll continue our Biology unit by looking more closely at nutrition, diet, and food waste, before moving on to explore rocks and soils.

Before half term, we began our History unit *Powder and Plot*, focusing on the Gunpowder Plot and its links to Coughton Court in Alcester. This unit includes a variety of exciting learning experiences. History homework projects will be sent home this week to be completed over the half term, and our Knowledge Organiser is available on the school website. If your child has any books or information related to this History or our Science focus, we'd love for them to bring it in and share it with the class.

Thank you so much for your support with your child's learning and homework last half



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term. We were amazed by the fantastic volcano fact files and loved discovering volcanoes from around the world. Your involvement really helps to embed their learning and makes a big impact.

PE will continue to take place on Friday afternoons. Please ensure your child comes to school with trainers, jogging bottoms, and a warm top (house jumper), as we'll be outside on the field even in colder weather!

Please continue to listen to your child read daily and record it in their reading diary, along with any comments or questions you may have. Daily reading includes both the class reading challenge and the 100 Book Challenge.

As we prepare for our Young Voices concert in January, I'll be sending home lyric sheets as we learn each new song. There are 11 songs in total, with some including British Sign Language and dance moves. The children know that lyrics won't be available at the concert, so we're working hard to learn them by heart. Any extra practice at home is greatly appreciated. You also have access to Music Room, where you'll find backing tracks and lyric videos.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to speak to me at the end of the school day or contact me via the school office email. I'm always happy to help.

Kind regards,

Mrs C Ellis

Year 3 Class Teacher



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