Inkberrow Primary School

Love to Learn, Learn to Care

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Woodpeckers Curriculum Letter – Autumn 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely half term break. We had a fantastic start to Year 3, and I'm really looking forward to another busy and exciting half term with the Woodpeckers. We've got lots of lovely learning opportunities coming up!

In **English**, we'll be focusing on writing recounts, using the 5Ws (who, what, where, when and why) to help us organise our writing in chronological order. We'll begin by exploring the book *Tuesday* by David Wiesner, which involves some rather mischievous frogs! We'll use our Talk for Writing approach to explore the events before planning and writing our own recounts. Later in the half term, we'll move on to our first Visual Literacy unit, based on the John Lewis Christmas advert *Excitable Edgar*. We'll explore the characters, setting and events before using these ideas to write diary entries.

In **Maths**, we will move on to multiplication and division, looking at fact families and inverse operations. This half term, we'll be focusing on the 3, 4 and 8 times tables, whilst continuing to revisit our 2, 5 and 10 times tables regularly in school. Please encourage your child to practise at home whenever possible. TT Rockstars, Maths Shed and Purple Mash are all great ways to support this, and even a few minutes of practice can make a big difference!

In **Science**, we'll be finishing our Animals Including Humans topic by learning more about nutrition, healthy diets and food waste. We'll then begin our new topic, Rocks and Soils, where we'll explore different types of rocks, their properties and how soil is formed.

In **History**, we're really excited to begin our new topic, *Powder and Plot*, where we'll be learning all about the Gunpowder Plot and its links to Coughton Court. To start our topic, we'll be visiting Coughton Court on Wednesday this week, which I'm sure will be a fantastic experience for the children! We'll then use what we've discovered during our visit to explore

the events of 1605 and the people involved. Our History homework project will also be sent home with this letter, with a range of activities for the children to choose from. Our Knowledge Organiser will be available on the school website to help support their learning.

Thank you for all your support with homework last half term. I was really impressed with the range of fantastic volcanoes and fact files and the effort that went into them! It was lovely to see the children so enthusiastic about their learning and keen to share what they'd discovered. If your child has any books or information linked to our new History or Science topics, they're more than welcome to bring them in to share with the class.

PE will continue to take place on Friday afternoons. As the weather is getting colder, please make sure your child has suitable outdoor PE clothing, including trainers, jogging bottoms and a warm top (house jumper). We'll still be heading outside whenever the weather allows!

Please continue to **listen to your child read regularly, ideally every day**, and record this in their reading diary. This includes books from our class reading challenge and the 100 Book Challenge. Reading at home really does make a difference, and it's lovely to see the children developing their confidence and enjoyment of reading.

We're also continuing to prepare for our **Young Voices concert in January!** There are 11 songs to learn, with some including British Sign Language and dance moves. We'll be practising regularly in school to make sure the children feel confident and ready for the big day. Any support you can offer with practising the songs at home would be greatly appreciated! You can access Music Room, where you'll find the backing tracks and lyric videos to help.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to catch me at the end of the school day or contact me through the school office. I'm always happy to help.

Thank you again for your continued support. I'm looking forward to another fantastic half term with the Woodpeckers!

Kind regards,

Mr Burke
Year 3 Class Teacher