



# Woodpeckers



We hope that you have had an enjoyable half term break and that the children are ready for another busy half term!

Our main topic for the half term is called '**Into the Woods**'. During this topic we will cover the following areas:

- Use the books, 'The Wolf's Footprint' by Susan Price and 'Outlaw' by Michael Morpurgo to prompt and provoke ideas in literacy.
- To continue to develop map and atlas skills, including use of symbols and scale drawings.
- To design and make a money purse for Robin Hood.
- To use leaves to inspire clay work and a printed piece of artwork.
- Research British Woodlands.

As well as our main topic we will also cover these areas:

- In PE we will be doing multiskills, gymnastics and rugby. Woodpeckers PE days are Monday and Wednesday. **Please can the children have their full PE kit in school EVERY day, including suitable trainers and a plastic bag to put them in.**
- In French we will be learning the days of the week and vocabulary relating to Easter.
- In ICT we will be using different programs to collect, present and interpret data.
- In PSHE our focus is 'Good to Be Me' and we will also cover some aspects of Road Safety.
- In RE our focus is looking at the deeper meaning of festivals, including Christian, Islamic and Jewish festivals.
- Our Science focus will be 'Forces' where we will develop our investigation skills by testing hypotheses or answering scientific questions.
- In Maths we will be following the National Curriculum, with a focus on time, measurement and geometry – properties of shapes.
- Our work in English will be linked to our topic. We will look at writing diary writing and non-chronological reports to describe British Woodlands and what might be found there.
- Children will receive weekly homework on top of their reading. Homework will be handed out on a Thursday or Friday and will need to be in school the following Wednesday.



Don't forget to send in a healthy snack for break time.

## Dates for your diary:



School photographs - 12<sup>th</sup> March



Our class assembly is on Tuesday April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9.10am

Please feel free to catch us any time after school if you have any concerns or want to discuss anything. There is a fortnightly drop in at 3pm on Wednesdays.

## The Woodpeckers Team

