

Woodpeckers' Class information:

P.E.

Our P.E afternoon will be **Monday and Thursday** this term. Please can children come in wearing their PE kit, remember you may need a tracksuit to keep warm in case we are able to go outside.

Homework

Keep up being a Reading Star and using Times Table

Reading Diaries:

Please listen to your child read 3 times a week and write in the reading diaries.
Please bring reading books back to school every day.

Things you could try at home to enrich this term's project:

- Research an animal's habitat. Try to learn about an animal in a new environment!
- Read a book or story about the local area. Try to find a fiction and a non-fiction book!
- Go on a walk and think about the ways that we can support our local habitat.
- Make a list of the different types of lights you see in your house. Which are natural, which are artificial?

Our school website address is:

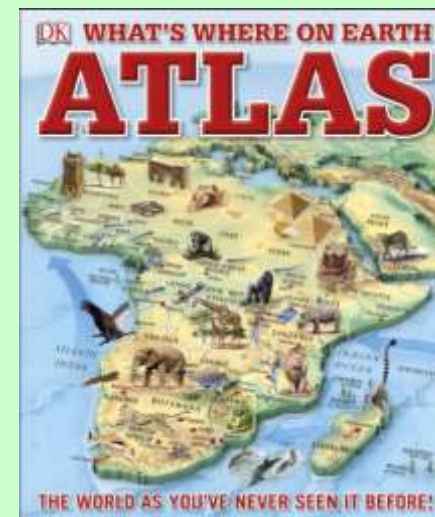
www.plumpton.e-sussex.sch.uk where you will find information about the class, upcoming events and links to useful websites.

Welcome to Woodpeckers' Class

Curriculum Information Geography and DT

Explore: Home
Term 3 and 4

Concepts: Belonging, community, happiness
Our Big Question: What is it like in Plumpton?



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<https://www.plumpton.e-sussex.sch.uk/web>

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Teaching Assistant: Mrs Crowhurst

ENGLISH

For Writing, we are going to begin to look at an amazing atlas to learn more about habitats. We will examine how the area of the world and (the climate) impacts the animals that live that lives there. Our focus for this term will be all about writing a non-fiction text and the features we must use, such as title, heading and subheading. Once the pupils have had a chance to develop these writing skills, they will write their own non-fiction text about *their* habitat!

For Reading, we will continue to practice our VIPERS skills by reading a variety of short texts all about the U.K. and the Geographical features therein. When you are reading at home, please continue to reinforce the Vocabulary, Inferencing, Predicting, Explaining, Retrieving and Summarising skills we will practice in class.

We are also going to continue to use 'Rocket Phonics' to develop our reading and spelling skills.

MATHEMATICS

In Maths this term, we will be learning about multiplication, division. We will look at skip counting in multiples, sharing and grouping and develop our understanding of how this applies to the times tables and to dividing. Our focus will be mainly on the 2s, 3s, 5s, 8s and 10s. We will be practicing this with hands-on materials, songs and reasoning problems.

Geography

This term, we are going to be learning all about our local area. We will begin by looking at atlases to understand the Geography of the UK, including capital cities and surrounding seas. We will then look at the area of our school's playground and examine how this looks on maps and aerial photographs. From there, we will take a closer look at the surrounding areas and learn more about the physical and human geography of our local neighbourhood. We will also take a look at how the area has changed over time! Then, in Term 4, we will compare and contrast the South Downs to other significant mountain regions in the UK.

**Our Project is:
Geography/ DT
Explore: Home
Concepts: Belonging,
community, happiness.
The Big Questions:
What is it like in
Plumpton?**

P.E.

In the upcoming terms, our focus will be on tag rugby and gymnastics. Students will learn rugby skills like passing, catching, running, tackling, and attacking and defensive formations. Gymnastics will involve learning safe techniques for balancing, rolling, jumping, and supporting peers in groups.

SCIENCE

In Science we will be learning about light. We will learn what a light source is, and the differences between natural and artificial light sources. We will explore why we wear SPF in the sun and conduct an experiment looking at different SPF strengths. We will also learn about how shadows work, and why they move and change depending of the time of day.

P.S.H.E

Our first P.S.H.E topic for 2024 is Dreams and Goals. We will learn to understand why it is important set goals and how to manage disappointment. Next term, the topic is Healthy Me. We will discuss and investigate ways to keep healthy.

R.E.

In R.E., our Big question will be 'How do festivals and worship show what matters to a Muslim?' We will be exploring the 5 pillars of Islam, the features of a mosque and trying to understand sacrifice during Ramadan.

ART & DT

In art, we will mould local animals with clay and refine our skills by painting on textures and shade. Using both clay and paint will let the students express their creativity immersing themselves in Art. In D.T., pupils will create a room, considering inclusivity and access. Partnering with Grand Designs, we will be thinking about the future-proofing, energy efficiency and inclusiveness of our homes, encouraging young minds to think beyond the usual and promote designs everyone can enjoy.

FRENCH

Our theme in French will be 'Food Glorious Food', in which we will learn about different types of food and how to order in a restaurant using a menu. We will focus on recognising and using the correct pronunciation of key vocabulary.

MUSIC

In our upcoming music lessons, we are set to immerse ourselves in the infectious rhythms and cultural richness of salsa music. We will discover the lively beats, instruments and vibrant history that make salsa an exciting musical journey!

COMPUTING

In Computing we will continue learning about e-safety. We will discuss how to stay safe online by finding out more about privacy settings, online conversations, and digital literacy. We will also develop our coding and spreadsheet skills using Purple Mash.