



YEAR 1 Woodpeckers

Class Teacher/s: Mrs Chow (Monday-Wednesday) Mrs Smith (Thursday and Friday)

Learning Support Assistant/s: Mrs Coxeter (Monday-Thursday) Mrs Reilly (Friday)

Important diary dates and reminders

Half-term- Monday 16th – Friday 20th February

Baby News!

I'm sure the Woodpeckers have already passed on the good news but just in case...Mrs Burrell has had her baby 😊 Erin Burrell arrived on Sunday night at 7:22pm weighing 7lbs 5oz. They are both doing very well.



Class update

In English this week we have been using the text *Splash* by Claire Cashmore (a Paralympian) to inspire our instruction writing. The Woodpeckers have focused on using bossy (imperative) verbs and ordering instructions before writing their own set of instructions for how to score a goal in a netball hoop. We have also been thinking about different sports and the instructions we might need for them. The children have really enjoyed this short unit and have produced some excellent pieces of writing.

In maths this week we concluded our unit on addition and subtraction and then moved on to our new unit: Place Value within 50. We began by counting from 20 to 50 and focused on the numbers 20, 30, 40 and 50. We ended the week counting by making groups of 10. To support at home you could encourage counting from 20 to 50 forwards and backwards, using a 'hundred square' or 'number line'. Counting in 10s would also help reinforce this learning.

Homework/ Reading

Optional Homework

We've been reading 'Splash' by Claire Cashmore this week in English and I've had a lovely email to say that one of the children's family members knows and worked with Claire for the Tokyo Olympics! We've been focusing on writing instructions but if any of the Woodpeckers would like to put their new letter writing skills to the test over half term and write her a letter we'd love to send some! If the children would like to they can bring the letters into school by Friday 27th and I will pass them on to be



sent. Each child that writes a letter will receive some house points and a sticker for doing some extra homework too! It would be lovely to have a few to send as the Woodpeckers have found her story very inspiring this week.

Phonics

We've been assessing the children this week and recapping the phonics we've done so far. Therefore, there isn't a phonics sheet like normal. We will update you on how the children got on after half term 😊 Please keep up the reading over the break!

Spellings

Over half term please can the children practise spelling the days of the week. This is a National Curriculum requirement for year one. They will be tested on **Friday 27th February**.

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Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
Saturday Sunday

Have a wonderful half term!

Mrs Smith and Mrs Chow