



## 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

**Parents Evening** – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March (Mrs Smith will be working on Wednesday this week and Mrs Chow will swap to the Thursday)

Please can all children wear their PE kits on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March** (Athlete visit) and **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March** (Sports activities during parents evening). Thank you

**Disco** – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

**End of term** (Early finish) – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

If your child has a packed lunch, please can you remind them to collect their lunchbox and dispose of their rubbish from the lunch trolley at the end of each day. The trolley is often left in a bad way with lots of leftover food. Thank you for your help with this.

Mrs Chow has asked if the children can bring in a nice knobbly stick or two for a Geography lesson. Please can the sticks be brought in on Monday. They should be hand to elbow size (no bigger please) and preferably with a named attached with a rubber band or similar. Thank you!

### Class update

We had an exciting visit from Mrs Burrell and baby Erin this week. The children absolutely loved meeting Erin and seeing Mrs Burrell 😊

In English this week we began a new English unit using the text 'Traction Man' by Mini Grey to inspire our writing. The purpose of the unit is to write a persuasive advert. This week we began by reading and comprehending the text and then did some drama to imagine we were the different characters. We have also been having a go at writing persuasive phrases to sell the Traction Man toy!

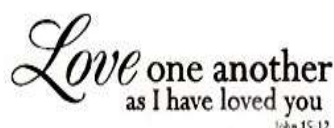
We have started a new unit – measures. This week we have been exploring heavier and lighter, measuring mass, comparing mass, full and empty and comparing volume. Lots of the measures unit can also be explored at home through real life experiences such as baking and bath time!

### Homework/ Reading

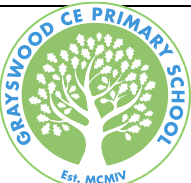

#### Phonics

The phonics we have been covering this week follows on from this Friday note. Please practise at home and sign your child's reading diary.

#### Spellings



Next week's spellings are at the bottom of the phonics sheet. They will be tested on **Friday 20th March**.

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Please support your child to practise and reinforce the phonemes and graphemes we are learning in school. More information and support can be found on the Little Wandle website - <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Phonemes we have been covering this week in school -

<p>a /or/ water</p>	<p>ear /air/ bear</p>
<p>ere /air/ there</p>	<p>Schwa sounds in longer words Schwa is the unstressed sound we find in many words for example we don't say croc-O-dile we say croc-UH-dile.</p>

We have been reading and writing words. Can you spot this week's phonemes?

Ball wall water tall call small always all different  
 crocodile celebrate difficult animal again want  
 what salt squash wasp was watch pear bear wear  
 tear swear there where

We have been reading sentences. Can you spot any tricky words?

The ball always goes over the wall.  
 A crocodile is a wild animal.  
 Watch out, there is a wasp near your juice.  
 The hairy bear eats pears in the kitchen.



These are our spellings. We will be tested on Friday 20th March

water animal bear wear where