

Wow Events!

This term we will be exploring the outdoors and building structures. We will be doing some more work with the High Weald (forest school), this time in our school woods (more details in this week's newsletter).

Year 1, Term 3: Build 'em High, Build 'em Strong

Mathematics

- **Oral and Mental calculation** – This will include comparing and ordering numbers to 100.
- **Number and Place value** - Learn about place value by partitioning numbers into 10's and 1's.
- **Measuring** – We will be learning to tell the time to the hour and half past the hour.
- **Geometry** – We will be using shape, position and direction to solve problems.
- **Multiplication and Division** – We will be introducing doubling and halving.

Home Learning: Draw children's attention to key times within the day and encourage them to read the time from an analogue clock (focussing on o'clock and half past).

Please note: If you notice children reversing their numbers when they write, please correct them.

PE

Our focus for indoor PE this term is gymnastics on the large apparatus. The children will develop their gross motor skills and coordination.

In outdoor PE we will continue multi-sports.

Outdoor PE is on a Tuesday. Indoor PE is on a Friday.

Home Learning activities which develop co-ordination such as throwing and catching games.

Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Education (SMSC) and RE

This term we will be exploring different cultural traditions and stories from the Bible.

Home Learning: Encourage the children to be as independent as possible when making decisions.

Theme – Build 'em High, Build 'em Strong.

This term we will be thinking about types of buildings, materials and their uses.

During this topic we will have a DT week where the children will be able to design and make their own bridge. At some point we will be sending out a letter requesting help and materials for this.

In **Science** the children will explore different materials and their properties and will apply this knowledge in order to problem solve.

In **Art** we will focus on representing different textures through painting and observational drawing.

In **Music** we will be developing rhythm and pace by learning songs and exploring the use of percussion instruments.

In **R.E.** we will be learning about different faiths covering Judaism and stories that Jesus told.

Home Learning: Encourage the children to investigate how things are made, including both natural and man-made structures.

Our values this term are:

Growth Mindset
&
Independence

English

This term we will focus on:

- Speaking and Listening skills – group and class discussions to support problem solving.
- Listening and responding to the story of 'The Three Little Pigs' and 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'.
- Drama – we will be acting out the stories we have heard and considering the feelings of different characters.
- Writing our own stories to share with others.

Home Learning: Read a variety of genres in order to extend vocabulary. Encourage children to ask and answer questions when reading in order to develop listening and comprehension skills.

Phonics

Phonics will continue to be taught daily to support reading, writing and spelling.

We are continuing to learn the Stage 5 phonemes (in particular the split 'e' digraph).

Home Learning: look out for the phonemes covered in the reading books (e.g. **make**). Continue to explore the ictgames website.

Computing

This term we will be using Scratch Junior on the Ipads in order to develop early programming skills.

Save the Date:

Day in the woods: **Thursday 18th January**

Maths Workshop for Year 1 Parents: **Monday 19th February at 3.30pm** (for your children to show you how they learn Maths).