



# Woodpeckers Newsletter

## Term 2



Dear parents,

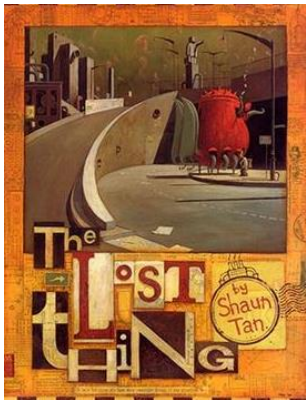
Welcome back to the new school term! I hope you all had a wonderful half-term break and are looking forward to another exciting term of learning!

We have lots of exciting units of learning lined up this term so please do make sure you have a look at the Curriculum Map as well as some exciting events including Forest School and Tag Rugby lessons with a coach from Teamtheme, a Roots to Food workshop and the Christingle at the end of term.

If you have any concerns or anything you wish to talk to the Year 4 team about, please do come see us after school, arrange an appointment at the office or contact us via our class email [woodpeckers@egerton.kent.sch.uk](mailto:woodpeckers@egerton.kent.sch.uk).

Miss Thompson and Miss Davis

### Here's just some of what we will be learning:



**English:** This term will be writing a narrative. We will be reading 'The Lost Thing' by Shaun Tan and using this text to inspire our own writing. We will also be exploring more poetry!

**Maths:** This term we will cover area along with multiplication and division. We will continue to follow the White Rose programme of learning. Children will also be practising applying their arithmetic skills and practising their times tables on a regular basis.

**Science:** This term, the children will be learning all about 'Sound'. We will learn how it travels, investigating why it moves in certain ways and completing experiments with music and instruments.

**RE:** Children will begin our new world faiths unit of learning. This term children will consider the question 'What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?'

### Staying Healthy

Children can bring in a bottle of water each day and a healthy snack they can have at break time.



This term PE will take place on a **Monday**. Children will be learning **Tag Rugby**.

Please could children's PE kits be in school every day.

## Homework

Each half term holiday, the children are set optional homework. I say that it is up to the parents if they complete this or not. The homework set compliments the learning in class and will support your child's progress. Please do encourage your children to complete as much as possible.

Maths: Practise your times tables.

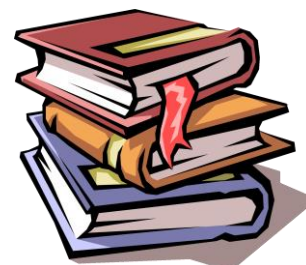
Reading: Please ensure that you are reading for at least 15 minutes, four times a week.

Spelling: Practise the spellings from the statutory Year 3/4 word list

arrive	continue	favourite
believe	decide	February
bicycle	describe	forward
breath	different	forwards
breathe	difficult	fruit
build	disappear	grammar
busy	early	group
business	earth	guard

## **Reading**

Reading is a valuable activity that helps children to make progress across all subjects. Therefore, we would encourage children to be reading for at least 15 minutes, four times a week.



## **Times tables**

By the end of year 4, the expectation is for all children to know their times tables from 1x1 to 12x12. It is so important that the children are practising these as much as possible, as it will make their maths learning easier and more fluent, as well as helping them complete the National Times Table Test set by the Government in June 2025.

TTRockstars have a similar practise test called 'Soundcheck', just before you go onto the main page. This will get the children comfortable with the test layout and how quickly they have to answer.

## **Useful web links**

[Times Tables Rockstars https://trockstars.com/](https://trockstars.com/)

[BBC Bitesize Year 4 https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary](https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary)

[Book finder https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/bookfinder/](https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/bookfinder/)