



Warlingham Village Primary School

Year 2 Woodpeckers Newsletter

Summer Term 2017

Mrs Boot



Welcome back to a new term. I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break.

Homework

Homework will still be given on a **Monday afternoon** to be completed for the following **Monday morning**. Homework will continue to be a Maths, English, Science or topic-based task related to the work that we have been doing that week. These activities should be completed in about 15-20 minutes with minimal adult support.

Spellings

10 spellings will be tested each week. If you are unsure of your child's group, then please come and ask me. Please continue to look through the common exception words that were sent home for homework as well.

Suns- Monday

Moons- Tuesday

Stars- Wednesday

Planets- Thursday

Rockets- Friday

Take Away Homework

I was impressed with by the effort many children made last term with their takeaway homework. Our takeaway homework this term is linked to our Discovery Curriculum topic 'The Seaside.' This will be sent home separately.

Reading Books

Reading books will continue to be changed on a **Monday**. Your child will choose 3 reading books to read throughout the week. Please fill in your child's reading record with any comment you think is appropriate each time they read to you. **Books will only be changed if there is an entry in the record book.** A list of possible comprehension questions to ask your child is stuck in the front of their reading record.

Volunteering Your Time

If anyone would like to volunteer to come into school to hear children read, then please feel free to come and see me after school. We really appreciate any support from parents and grandparents. Thank you to those parents that have already given up time to come in and hear readers.

English

This term we will continue to focus on:

- Reading skills, in particular answering inference questions.
- Writing in a range of genres, with particular focus on punctuation, sentence structure and grammar.



PE

PE will continue to be on **Wednesdays and alternate Mondays**. Please ensure that your child's PE kit is at school on these days and that it is clearly labelled to avoid loss. Earrings should not be worn on this day and long hair should be tied back.

Snack

The children will still be receiving free fruit every day to enjoy at playtime. They are also advised to bring in a drink of **water** in a labelled bottle for use throughout the day.

Maths

In maths we will be continuing to develop our addition, subtraction, multiplication and division skills and will be applying these to problem solving. We will be focussing on shape, space and measure. We will be learning our times tables and working on our mental maths skills too.



Discovery Curriculum

This term we will be continuing our topic of 'Animals and Habitats.' Later on in the term, we will move on to our new topic of 'The Seaside.' This will be taught through our Discovery Curriculum which has a cross-curricular approach to teaching and learning, taking into account what the children know and would like to know. At the end of each topic we will complete a 'Champion Challenge', where the children will use all of the skills that they have learnt to complete a group challenge.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. If you have any questions or problems, then please do not hesitate to contact myself or Miss Simpson. I am available to speak to parents after school, or if this is not convenient then please phone and make an appointment.

Mrs Boot