



Woodpeckers



Welcome back! We hope that you have had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year break, and that you are ready for a busy and exciting half term.

Our main topic for the half term is called 'Which Way?' and will be based upon the CS Lewis novel, 'The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe'.

As part of the 'Which Way' topic, this term, we would like to show the children clips from the film - The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe - certificate PG. **If you do not give permission for your child to watch the video clips, please let us know by Friday 5th January.**

During this topic we will cover the following areas:

- Identify the choices the characters have in the book, and which pathway they decide to take - make analogies to the choices that we make.
- Identify the 'heroes' and 'role models' in our lives and consider why we admire their qualities and values
- Explore the characters in the story of Edmund, the White Witch and Aslan, focussing on their values and choices.
- Create a Values Wall of the values shown by characters in the story (**any spare shoe boxes are required for this please!**).
- Develop sketchbooks to practise different artistic skills and techniques using 'winter' as a theme.
- Explore the setting of Narnia and how CS Lewis related this to the events surrounding World War II.
- Complete a discreet Geography unit, developing the knowledge of locations, particularly of European countries and those which form the United Kingdom.

As well as our main topic we will also cover these areas:

- In PE we will be doing gymnastics and dance and continuing the reading and rugby programme. Woodpeckers' PE days are Tuesday and Thursday. ***Please can the children have their full PE kit in school EVERY day, including a carrier bag for muddy trainers.***
- In French we will be learning about fruit and other food, and practise this by using a cafe role play.
- In Music our focus will be Dragon Scales - exploring and composing with the pentatonic scale.
- In ICT our focus is Programming, where we will be looking at algorithms, debugging and basic programs.
- In PSCH we focus is Going for Goals.
- In Science we will be continuing to learn about Animals (including Humans). We will look at the skeleton and its functions, the circulation system and the effects of exercise, and how to complete scientific investigations.
- In RE our topic will be 'Where, how and why do people worship?'
- In Maths we will be following the National Curriculum, focussing on: money, time, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, measurement, geometry - properties of 3D shapes.
- In English we will establish links with our topic work to look at play scripts, instructions and descriptive writing.
- Children will receive weekly homework on top of their reading and spellings. Homework will be handed out on a Thursday or Friday and will need to be in school the following Thursday.



February 8th Woodpeckers will be taking part in simple First Aid training.

Please feel free to catch us any time after school if you have any concerns or want to discuss anything throughout the year. There is a fortnightly drop in at 3pm on Wednesdays.

We look forward to a busy half term, with lots to learn but lots of fun too!

The Year 3 Team

