



Woodpeckers



Class Booklet
2022 - 2023



Welcome to our booklet for this year. We are hoping this will prove useful and give you an outline of what to expect in Year 1 at Rodings Primary School.

ADULTS WORKING IN YEAR 1

CLASS TEACHER

Miss Parker

LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT

Mrs Parker (Mrs P)

TYPICAL/AVERAGE DAY IN YEAR 1

Our day begins at 8:45, with a piece of fruit and the register, and then children will have an 'Early Bird Maths' session before an assembly. Our first lesson of the day will usually be English and after break, there will be a Read Write Inc session and a Maths lesson. After lunch, we generally have our foundation subjects based around our topic (history, geography, art, DT, music, etc), or the discrete subjects which we cover (RE, PSHE, computing, science, etc). Every afternoon, we do our Daily Mile and at the end of the day, we will read a story in our classrooms.

Although this is an 'average' day, things will be subject to change as we progress through the year (as we cover more of the curriculum but also due to timetable changes: such as Forest School, swimming, special events, etc). Also, not every day will follow the format above. Some days we will spend a longer part focusing on a line of enquiry or producing an in-depth piece of work

HOME LEARNING

Reading

Our expectation is that pupils should read for a minimum of ten minutes daily.

See page opposite.

As always, any support with counting, writing numbers and letter formation is very helpful but no home learning tasks will be set.

Useful links to websites:

www.phonicsplay.co.uk (phonics game)

www.topmarks.co.uk (maths games)

www.oxfordowl.co.uk (search for Read, Write, Inc Guide for Parents)



READING

The children will continue to bring home a copy of their current RWI book (if applicable at their stage of the RWI scheme) and another reading book from a range of schemes. The RWI book will be their primary (main) book and will be changed when your child's RWI group moves onto the next book. Just to remind you, in each RWI book, there is a Speed Sound Chart, lists of Green words (those that can be sounded out) and Red Words ('tricky' words) and a Speed Word Game, all of which can be read and played with your child. Your child will also have an opportunity to change their secondary reading book at least twice a week on a Monday and a Thursday. We ask that you sign in the reading diary to say when a book has been read, and record any comments that you might wish to make. Please make sure your child brings their book bag with their book and reading diary in each day.

The children will also have the opportunity to choose a book from our school library, which they will be able to bring home. This will need to be returned to school the following week in order to choose a new book.

Once your child is no longer working on the RWI Scheme, they will be added to a programme called Accelerated Reader. This is a computer program that helps us manage and monitor the children's independent reading practice. Your child picks a book at his/her own level and reads it at his/her own pace. When finished, your child takes a short quiz on the computer. (Passing the quiz is an indication that your child understood what was read.) Accelerated Reader gives both children and teachers feedback based on the quiz results, which your child's teacher can then use to help your child set targets and direct ongoing reading practice.

PE

This half-term PE lessons will take place on a Thursday. Our PE lessons may vary each half-term. We will notify you each half-term of when the weekly lesson(s) are planned to take place. On a PE day your child needs to arrive at school wearing their PE Kit, they will stay in this all day.

SWIMMING

This half-term swimming will take place:

Tuesday: 1:10—2:10

Friday: 9:00—10:00



On a swimming day your child needs to arrive to school with their swimming kit. As always, please can you make sure that your child's clothing, swimming stuff (costume/trunks, hat, goggles if required, and towel) and swimming bag are all named.

FOREST SCHOOL

Forest school will take place on alternate Wednesday afternoons.

The dates for this Autumn term are as follows; 21st September, 5th October, 19th October, 2nd November, 16th November and 30th November.

On 14th December we will be going to the forest with Reception and Year 2 to sing Christmas carols.

The children should come to school in suitable 'own clothes' on their Forest School day, bringing their waterproofs, wellies, and any extra layers needed in a bag (**all** clearly named please).

We will do our best to go to the forest on each of these dates, but as we know from experience, the weather can sometimes be a little unkind and some changes/cancellations may be unavoidable (for example, if it is very windy, it is unsafe to go to the forest). We thank you for your understanding with this.

CORE VALUES

**RESPECT
ENJOYMENT
CARE
CONFIDENCE
CHALLENGE**

SCHOOL RULES

**BE RESPECTFUL
BE SAFE
BE READY TO LEARN**

TOPICS

EXPLORE - 'Paddington Bear's Adventures' and 'Home Sweet Home'

DISCOVER - 'Fire Fire!' and 'People Who Help Us'

CREATE - 'Celebrations' and 'Artists in Residence'

ASSESSMENTS

As always, as teachers, we are continuously assessing and monitoring the children's progress day to day, week to week, throughout the year.

We also have more formal assessments. There will be an assessment week each term, during which the children's achievements and progress will be assessed.

In June the children will take part in the National Phonics Screening Check.



CLASS DOJO

We will be using CLASS DOJO as a way of keeping you informed of what we have been up to in the classroom. It's a fantastic app which you can download to a phone or tablet (or access the via the website) where we will post updates and photos of the work we have done that day. We aim to update the page daily/weekly but sometimes this is not always possible and sometimes we will update more than once. There is also a messaging feature on where we will send out a quick message to remind you of important information and dates. You are also able to message us on there and we have no problem with you doing so for low level importance matters or information you think we need to know. However, we would like to stress that we will not always pick messages up that day, and that the app has inbuilt 'quiet hours' where we don't receive notifications, so for important or urgent matters (e.g. absences) please contact us via the school office.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

HARVEST ASSEMBLY

7th October

LEARNING CONSULTATIONS

12th & 13th October

OPEN DAY

3rd November

PARENT DROP IN

1st December

NON-PUPIL DAY

5th December

KS1 NATIVITY

7th, 8th, 9th December

CHRISTMAS IN THE FOREST

14th December

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY DAY

16th December