

# WALPOLE CROSS KEYS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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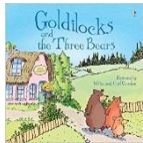
## Key Stage 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome back to the start of a new and exciting academic year. I hope you have all had a fun and exciting break over the summer holidays and are ready for the start of our Autumn term. We will be holding **curriculum meetings** for all parents/carers to attend, for Key Stage 1 this will be taking place on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 3:15pm.**

### Our Themes

This year we are starting off with the theme of 'What do I need to be me?'. Children will be exploring and investigating how we change as we grow from a baby to an elderly person. We will also be looking at how animals change as they grow and recognising that some animals look completely different as an adult and a baby. We will also be looking at different animal patterns and making animal sculptures in art as well as learning how to make healthy smoothies as part of our five a day.

### English



During our English sessions this term we will be using the story of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' to write our own fictional stories. We shall explore the sequencing of a story using drama to re-tell the story. We will also be developing our sentence structure and grammar, including full stops and capitals letters, throughout this piece of work.

The children will also be looking at the story 'Tadpole's Promise' as part of our cross-curricula writing. They will develop their listening skills and experiment with rhythm and rhyme during poetry sessions, which will be focused on different animal riddles. In Phonics we shall be building on our previous learning as well as learning new sounds using our Phonics bug program.



### Maths



This term we shall work on our understanding of number and the place value of one and two digit numbers. We shall look at addition and subtraction and how we solve problems using different resources as well as developing pictorial and written methods to show our work. As a class we shall investigate the properties of 2-D and 3-D shapes, looking at where we see them in day to day life as well as beginning to develop the use of mathematical language. Children will also begin to explore length and mass/capacity using a range of different resources both inside and outside of the classroom.

### Science

In Science this half term we shall be looking at similarities and differences between animals and humans. The children will build on their understanding of animals from last year and they will learn to identify and classify animals based on their appearance, eating habits and where they live. We will also be learning about the lifecycles of different animals and how animals change as they grow. We will be finding ways to keep ourselves fit and healthy and finding out what we need to survive.

## Home Learning

Home Learning activities shall be set at the beginning of each half term. The children will be given a choice of six activities to choose from. Their completed work will be shared with the class and celebrated at the end of every half term. In addition, spellings, reading activities and maths homework will also be sent home on a weekly basis.



## Reading Books

We should have our reading books and records in school every day and should read at home as often as we can. This can be either alone in a quiet place, or to an adult – either way we must make sure we have written down the number of pages read and the date in our Reading Records.



## PE

It is important to make sure that we have PE kits in school throughout the week. Children will need shorts, a t-shirt or a tracksuit (for those colder outdoor sessions), trainers and plimsolls.

PE will continue with Sam Loomes on a Wednesday afternoon, Sam uses the curriculum to create a fun program that challenges different abilities and work on key core skills. Sam will help children to develop catching and throwing skills as well as developing children's abilities to work in group and team games.

It is also ideal for children to have water bottles in school that they can take out with them during PE, as it is important for children to make sure they stay hydrated whilst they are using all their energy.

## Swimming

From the 11<sup>th</sup> September, the children will also be going to the St. James Swimming Pool in Kings Lynn every **Monday morning** to give your child the opportunity to swim competently, confidently and proficiently. For this, you must ensure your child has the following:

- Swimming hat
- Swimming costume/shorts  
(Please note that swimming shorts must come **above** the knee)
- A towel
- Swimming goggles (not essential however they are recommended).



If there are any questions or concerns about your child's learning and progress do not hesitate to come and ask. Thank you for your continued support.

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