



Woodpeckers

Summer 2026



Summer term 1– 21st April– 22nd May 2026

Summer term 2– 1st June– 22nd July 2026

English: We use a book based curriculum for our writing units. The first book, *The Mysteries of Harris Burdick* by Chris Van Allsburg, will support the children in writing an extended fantasy narrative using their inference to plan, draft and publish their ideas.

The second book, *The Journey Home* by Frann Preston-Gannon, will help them to use their persuasive voice and publish and letter to help save the planet and its creations.

The third book, *The Barnabus Project* by the Fan Brothers, will help to develop their description writing and produce a brochure.

The final book of the school year will be *If All the World Were....* By Joseph Coelho and Alison Colpoys where the children will create a non-narrative poem that they will perform to their peers.

Spellings: We will work on spelling patterns across the week. Common exception words for year groups will be focussed on during spelling sessions and in every lesson.

Reading: Children will continue to take part in Guided reading sessions across the week and will work on fluency, inference and deduction and literal retrieval skills.

Art Design: We will be developing our carving skills this term, designing and making our own Norse art figures, working slowly and carefully to ensure we can add lots of detail.

DT: We will be developing our weaving skills this term. We will create a tapestry wall hanging that might have been hung in an Anglo Saxon home. We will design the tapestry and plan how to join fabrics together.

Homework: This term homework will come home on **Fridays** and is to be returned by the following Tuesday. The children will have Maths homework and are encouraged to read at home a minimum of three times a week. Competitions are set on TTRS across the schools.

Maths: We will cover several topics in Maths over the course of the term. This will include understanding number and place value– the value of a digit in a number. We will also be focussing on methods to successfully add and subtract numbers, including using knowledge of place value, number lines and the use of known number facts to do so. We will also be looking at fractions and statistics. Mass and Capacity will be covered this term, with some revision of previous learning included. We will continue with our persistent focus on times tables– 2s, 5s and 10s in particular for Year 2, and 3s, 4s and 8s in addition for Year 3. We will also look at ways to recall the facts quickly and methods for working them out also.

Please continue to allow your child to access TTRS and also Numbots if they are in Year 2 or have access allowed.

Science: We will revisit the topic of Living Things and Habitats at the beginning of term, to compare the habitats that we can find and observe in the Summer as opposed to the Autumn. We will also be exploring and learning more about Forces and Magnets; learning the scientific rules about forces and conducting experiments to test them, and learning what is magnetic.



History: This term our topic is Anglo Saxons and Vikings Struggle. We will be looking at key dates between 789 AD– 937 AD and what important historical events happened during this period of time. We will find out about Alfred the Great and know why he is famous. We will find out the Vikings were and discover why they came to invade Britain.

Geography: Work this term will link closely with the History topic and we will be looking at Human Geography linked to Anglo Saxons times– the development of settlements, land use and transport systems.

PE will be on a Thursday afternoon and taught by Mr. Barron. Please name all items of PE kit clearly.

