




# Woodland 4 Spring Term 2 Newsletter

## The Queen



Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any questions. DOJO is a great tool for communication between school and home. We will continue to put photographs on DOJO so you can celebrate your child's achievements in school.

Dojo points	Language and Communication	Maths
<p>Staff award DOJO points every day. The children will receive a certificate and reward each time they hit a DOJO milestone! You can see how many points they have on your DOJO page or theirs.</p> 	<p><b>As readers we will be learning to:</b></p> <p>Discuss the sequence of events and characters in books.  Retell a range of stories, fairy stories and traditional tales.  Ask questions and find the answers to simple questions in a text.  Predict what might happen after reading sections of a story or poem.  Talk about what characters might be thinking or feeling using clues in the text.  Discuss the reasons for events in a story; use evidence to make simple reasoned conclusions.  Read with expression and get into character when we read plays.  Discuss why certain words or phrases make a story funny, scary, exciting.  We aim to read 4 x a week in school - 2 x to a teacher (including play reading) and 2 x independently. Children also have home reading books so please encourage them to read with you.</p>	<p><b>As mathematicians we will be learning about the following areas of maths:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 2 and 3 digit addition and subtraction</li> <li>● Combining amounts to make a specific area</li> <li>● Place value</li> <li>● Sequences</li> <li>● Solving word problems</li> </ul> <p>Your child will have the opportunity to apply their skills across a range of mathematical areas and to continue developing their mental maths skills.</p> <p>This will include continuing to learn their 2, 3, 4, 5- and 10-times tables and starting to learn the 8 times tables.</p> <p>Your child has a Times Table Rockstars login, can you please encourage them to go on this as often as possible to help develop quick recall of key number facts. Ideally 10 mins 3 times a week to support the learning we are doing in school.</p> <p>Numbots is another great online programme we have available to us and this is great for quick recall and improving mental maths skills.</p>
<p><b>Homework</b></p>	<p><b>As writers we will be learning to:</b></p>	
<p>Homework is optional. I don't want to make it a battle! Ideally, I would like them to read at home twice a week and go on TT Rockstars for 10 mins 3 times a week. I will set work in the red STAR book if requested and obviously mark any that has been completed! DOJO points will be awarded for completion of work at home to try and encourage them to do a bit!</p>	<p>Plan ideas for writing and make simple additions and changes after proof reading.  Use conjunctions and pronouns to extend and link sentences  Begin to use subordination (when, if, that, because) to write complex sentences.  Use statements, questions, exclamations and commands appropriately.  Use visual prompts to help inspire me with ideas for writing, Night Zookeeper will help us to do this.  Improve our spelling and use Nessie to assist with this.</p> <p><b>Plus, children will have their own individual English targets / work.</b></p>	<p><b>Plus, children will have their own individual Maths targets / work.</b></p>

<b>Computing</b>	<b>Science</b>
As computer technicians, we will be learning about how to use IT to create visual displays. We will be able to take and edit pictures using the iPad and add effects to enhance them. We will use software to create menus and invites. We will learn how to present information in a Powerpoint.	As scientists, we will continue to learn about animals, including humans and their habitats. We will also be looking at what is a living thing and how they adapt to their environment. We will look at simple food chains & habitats. We will learn about why exercise is important to us to being healthy.
<b>PE / Exercise</b>	<b>Music</b>
We will complete a variety of PE activities each week to improve our fitness, coordination and core strength. <b>Every day</b> - Daily Mile <b>Once a week</b> - Cosmic Kids yoga, Commando Joe, Core exercises, meditation, team games. Plan a class `Commonwealth Games`	As musicians, we will be learning the National Anthem. We will make our own celebration music that would be fit for a Queen!
<b>Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural Wellbeing Wednesday</b>	<b>Religious Education</b>
We will look at different social situations and explore / role play different ways of adapting to our environment. We will continue look at ways that help us to try and manage our emotions. We hope to be able to go on a visit/trip to further develop our social skills.	This term we will continue to learn about different religious and non-religious celebrations in the UK. We will develop our research skills and increase our knowledge about different cultures.
<b>Geography</b>	<b>Art / DT</b>
As Geographers, we will learn and name some of the Capital cities in the UK. We will look at some of the countries that make up The Commonwealth. We will check weather forecasts and look at weather patterns in the UK.	As artists, we will be use a range of materials and techniques to produce pictures and artefacts. Make some animals and link to their habitats. Research traditional UK foods. Look at Andy Warhol and make a Queen / London picture. Make some cakes suitable for Royalty.
<b>History</b>	<b>Philosophy – linked to Missions</b>
As Historians we will research the job of the Queen and write a job advert to advertise the position of `Queen of England`. We will learn about the historical buildings and landmarks in London. We will research Martin Luther King and complete our own `dreams` work.	New missions to be confirmed by Commando Anthony.