

WEPs WEEKLY

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Next Weeks Assembly Theme: E Safety– Social media/ Early warning signs and networking.

Reminder: Ensure all absences are reported to the school office by 8:30am on the day of absence.

What's on Next Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Yr 6 SAT's CLUB - Summer Football	Yr 6 SAT's Yr6 Grammar Guru	Yr 6 SAT's Yr6 Grammar Guru CLUB - Homework & ICT CLUB - Cross Country	Yr 6 SAT's Foxes Fun with Figures Yr6 Grammar Guru CLUB - Summer Athletics Foxes Kwik Cricket	Yr 6 SAT's Celebration Assembly 2.40pm CLUB - Embody Dance Royal Wedding Picnic

Changes to the Curriculum

Our school has been through a period of change this year in how it approaches the delivery of English and maths. I want to take this opportunity to update you on these changes and what it will look like for your children in school.

Maths No Problem

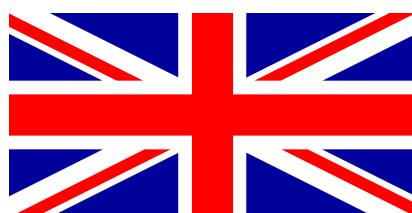
There has been a change in the thinking about the way we approach the teaching of maths in England, following government research into the methods used in Singapore and China. As a result, there are a number of different schemes being used across the UK to develop the 'mastery approach' to maths. This requires pupils spending longer on each aspect and deepening their understanding. To address this, we are using a scheme called Maths No Problem which is based on this approach. It may appear that children are doing easier work but the concepts they are learning will be more secure and therefore will allow the progression of skills to be seamless. Staff have received training and many aspects we had already started to use but we are confident it will create Better mathematicians. The children are already giving us positive feedback.

Power of Reading

We have included information about this in previous newsletters but its impact continues to grow. The concept is simple - teach all aspects on English through an interesting and exciting book. I can see a difference in the way children are talking about books and their vocabulary has already been enhanced - this has an indirect effect on their writing too. It does look like we are doing less writing as we are spending longer in the build up to writing but the quality of work being produced is much better. Talk to your child about the books they are reading and what they are learning through their English work. The delivery and approach of these has meant we have had to adapt the way we work in school and as many of you saw at Parents Evening, we no longer put English work in our journals. It is quite likely that from next year we will be using one book for all aspects of English: guided reading, grammar, spelling, and writing. We will also only have a foundation subjects book where evidence for history, geography, art and DT will be collated.

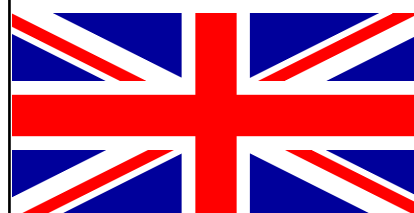
It has been a challenge to change the way we work but we are sure that it is in the best interests of the children. It is definitely a step in the right direction and in line with current educational thinking. We look forward to sharing the product of our work at our 'Show and Share' evening in July.

M Cross
Executive Headteacher



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Go to www.wood-endprimaryschool.co.uk there is so much information for you from; school policies, newsletters, copies of letters sent home, curriculum pages, events calendar, class pages, lunch menu, sporting events and much more.



Spot Light on Excellence...



Volunteers in school

At Wood End Primary School we are fortunate to have a dedicated group of volunteers who support our children and staff in a variety of ways. Recently Hedgehog class were helped to sew their Bog Babies and the extra support was certainly needed and appreciated.

Every week we have adults who join Ladybirds to support forest school. Children also have the opportunity to read with someone new. Volunteers support staff through organising resources and sticking work in books for the younger children.

The only payment we can give these helpers is our gratitude for having a brilliant impact on our school.

Thank you!

Mrs J Smith

Associate Headteacher

ROYAL WEDDING PICNIC 18TH MAY 2018



To celebrate the wedding of Prince Harry to Meghan Markle, the whole school will be participating in activities based around the Royal Family.

We are inviting all children to wear their own clothes: the theme is RED, White & Blue!

We will also have a whole school picnic at lunch time on the school playing field—children to bring packed lunch or advise if a school packed lunch is required in place of a school dinner



Attendance W/E 04/05/18

	Last Week	Year
Ladybirds	96.67%	95.50%
Butterflies	93.64%	92.05%
Hedgehogs	94.48%	94.95%
Dragonflies	95.33%	95.33%
Foxes	98.57%	94.46%
Badgers	93.33%	96.12%

Please ensure you make contact with the school each day that your child is unable to attend

...IMPORTANT REMINDERS...

Contact Information - Please ensure that you update the School when your contact details change, especially mobile phone numbers! Without this information you will be unable to receive text messages and important reminders!

PE Kit - It is essential that children bring their PE Kits into school on the morning they are needed. If children do not have the correct clothing then they will not be able to participate in activities as we have no spare kits in school.

Book Bags - Your child's bag should contain - a Me to You Form and their reading pack (every day). Letters will be sent home via the bag and should be returned in the same way. Toys are not permitted in school so please make sure they are removed from your child's bag by checking daily.

Earrings - It is preferred that children do not wear earrings in school because of the potential for injury and the significant problems they cause when needing to take them out for PE and games etc. If earrings are worn they may ONLY be small plain "ball like studs".

At the Start of the Day - The School day starts at 8.40am and the gates are open from 8.30am to allow parents and pupils to arrive on time. Children from Nursery to Year 2 **MUST** be supervised by an adult until collected from the playground by their Teacher. Please ensure that younger children do not climb onto or over playground equipment.

Dates for your Diary

Summer Term

14/05/18: Yr 6 SATS Breakfast

14/05/18: Yr6 SATS begin

18/05/18: Royal Wedding Picnic

21/05/18: Yr2 SATS begin

21/05/18: Yr3/Yr4 Quad Kids

22/05/18: Photographer - Class Photographs

Half Term - Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June

08/06/18 - 11/06/18: Manor Adventure Trip - Badgers

22/06/18: **Staff Training Day**

27/06/18: Grandparents Lunch

05/07/18: Induction Day

10/07/18: Sports Day - weather permitting

19/07/18: Yr6 Awards Night

Summer Term ends Friday 20th July

Last Week's Postcards Home

Ladybirds = Sam Wrighton

Butterflies = Harry Cheneler

Dragonflies = Ewan Clifford

Foxes = Charli-Grace Nunan

Badgers = Jessica Ireland

If your child receives a postcard please bring it back to school so it can be shared in our celebration assembly on Friday afternoon! This postcard is your invite to our celebration assembly on Friday at 2.40pm in the hall.