## Upcoming Dates

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	SeeSaw workshops
Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th January	Parental Consultations
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	February Holiday
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Shared Learning
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	End of Term

## Homework

Homework will continue to be handed-out on a Monday and should be returned each Friday.

If you have any questions about this, then please just ask.



## Topic

Our first topic this term is Space.

We will be exploring the sun, the moon and the stars and understanding how their patterns influence our lives.

We will also explore a Technologies topic where we will look at reducing, re-using and recycling materials.

### Twitter

Follow us on Twitter

@woodburnps to keep in touch and share in our learning journey.

# Ways you can support:

- Encouraging your child to line up independently. Please do not stand in the line with them in the mornings as this will ensure all children can get into the line.
- Ensuring that you provide water in a name-labelled water bottle.
- Practise zips, buttons and allowing your child to get dressed independently.

#### Top Tips to support learning:

- Counting forwards and backwards, starting from any number
- Looking for sounds in the environment and practising rhymes
- Encouraging your child to hold their pencil correctly and practise writing their name
- Encouraging imaginative play

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Please feel free to catch me at the end of the day or send in a note if you have any questions or queries.

# PIM Term 3 Newsletter

Firstly, I would like to wish you and your families a very Happy New Year. Once again, thank you all for your continued support. Both myself and the children are very grateful to those who were able to come and see the Nativity performance of 'Whoops-a-Daisy-Angel' before the holidays. Thank you all again for your input with costumes and support of lines and songs. We hope you enjoyed the show.

#### SeeSaw

Some of you will be attending the workshops being hosted in school on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January to give you more information on how to join SeeSaw. For any of you not able to make this date, I will be able to provide this information at Parental Consultations.



# Specialist Teachers

P.E.

P.E. will be covered through P.E. and Dance this

term on Tuesdays. Please ensure your child has a

change of shoes, t-shirt (no football colours please)

and shorts, all labelled.

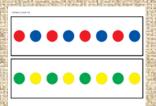
This term we will have:

- P.E. on Tuesdays with Mrs Power
- Dance on Tuesdays with Mrs Smith
- Art on Wednesdays with Miss Welsh

# Numeracy and Maths

We will be developing your child's awareness of numbers in different formats e.g. numerals, dot patterns, clapping patterns, Numicon and concrete objects. Children will focus on numbers to 20 or 30 and will work on saying and ordering sequences within this.

In Maths, children will explore symmetry and pattern. They will then begin to develop an awareness of telling the time (o'clock).





# Literacy and English

We are continuing to learn our initial sounds and practising cursive handwriting.

When children are familiar with initial sounds and are confidently blending them together to read 3-letter words, they will begin to learn diagraph sounds (e.g. 'sh', 'th' and 'ch').

We will be continuing to follow the Talk for Writing scheme, using story maps and our imaginations to retell stories. The next story we are focusing on is a 'journey story' which involves characters travelling from one destination to another. We will look at setting and when a story takes place.



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