20th September 2019

Woodpecker parents

Dear Parents and Carers,

We sincerely hope that you are feeling relaxed and positive about the transition from Foundation to Year 1. Every child is happy to come in each morning and all are finding their confidence.

The class timetable is working to develop the children’s skills to work on teacher directed as a whole class and in small groups tasks but we were keen to develop the children’s experience of explore and learn ( the more open ended play associated with Foundation stage).

Last year when your children were in Robin Class they explored what are known as loose parts; materials that can be moved, carried, combined, redesigned, lined up, and taken apart and put back together in multiple way. **Loose parts play** is a type of **play** that supports invention, problem solving and offers a sense of wonder to children. It follows approaches adopted by Montessorri and Regio Emilio philisophies.

We have added many more resources into Woodpecker Class to allow this approach to explore and learn to be available to the children. We are very pleased with the balance of experience that the children have and how they are engaging with it.

It was lovely to chat to those parents who were able to drop in this week to see how the Woodpecker space has been adapted and improved. If you were not able to drop in then you can see examples of the loose parts play which will be on our school website next week.

If you have any questions about the learning planned for Woodpecker Class please do not hesitate to speak to me directly.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Mannix

Headteacher