

# Woodside Matters 14

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Curriculum and Topic Information: Topic overviews are on our website for you, under the CURRICULUM tab. Dormice and Fallow Deer are learning about 'Poles Apart' (North and South Pole and animals that live there). Dormice's main story at the moment is The Three Billy Goats Gruff. Fallow Deer have a penguin based story called 'Lost and Found' then they are moving on to non-fiction texts about penguins. Woodpeckers are carrying on with their 'Reign over Us' topic and their main story is 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. Red Squirrels' topic is Shakespeare and they are reading and writing about 'Macbeth' and 'The Tempest'.

Shakespeare at Woodside: Shakespeare's play 'The Tempest' will be performed at **2:30pm on Thurs 15th March** by Red Squirrels children. All welcome! This performance will be the result of a day-long Shakespeare workshop on that day, through Konflux Theatres.

Science at Woodside: Many thanks to Mrs Ruth Hall, for coming into school for two afternoons to work with KS2 children. The children learned more about the heart and other organs- through dissection! We are also very grateful to Vales Butchers at Drybrook for donating the hearts!

### Sports at Woodside:

Tatty Bumpkins **yoga** will continue for Little Dormice and Dormice children on Tuesdays.

Miss Kat Brain, our sports coach, is focussing on **gymnastics skills, core strength and fitness**. Built into sessions are key skills of pair and team work, cooperation and demonstration- vital for the **cricket, tennis, attack/defence games and athletics** sessions coming up after Easter.

For our older children, we tap into the local network of sports opportunities through the Forest of Dean School Games Organiser from Dene Magna, which offers **Quick sticks Hockey, High 5 Netball, Gymnastics key Steps, Sports Hall Athletics, Archery & Mountain biking, Quad Kids, Mini Tennis and SEN Pentathlon**. We will send out letters as fixtures are announced.

We are holding a **Football World Cup Day** this year-date to be confirmed. Y2 and Y6 children will be **swimming** every week in Terms 5 and 6, funded by school.

The **Country Dancing Festival** at Speech House is on Thursday 14th June (reserve date of Weds 20th June).

Our Aspirations Week (beginning Mon 2nd July) will involve challenges, sports and a **Mini Marines day!** This is an event day involving age appropriate commando assault courses, team building challenges, problem solving tasks and a fire lighting session finishing off with toasting marshmallows. It is run by ex Royal Marines (google Elite Commando Survival and click on Education and Mini Marines).

If you can be involved with Aspirations Week this year, please let me know. We love having a range of people coming to talk to the children about their jobs, sports, achievements, hobbies or travels-anything that will inspire children to work hard and know that education is important for their future. If you have a sporting background and can come and run some activities that week, that would be great too. Please ask at any local rugby, football and cricket clubs you know or any other sporting clubs your children attend. **Thank you.**

This term's school value is...

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and we are reminding the children about our 'Can't do it...yet!' and 'Yes you can!' mottos.

### Beep-Beep Road Safety Day!

All classes will have a road safety session on 7th March using activities from 'Brake', the road safety charity who raise awareness of this vital issue. Please send in £1 as a fundraiser for the charity that day if you can. 500 children a day around the world are killed on roads. Please support our road safety work by driving slowly around our school area.

### Reminder:

World Book Day is on Thurs 1st March and we'd love children to come school dressed as a book character that day!  
We are having a Maths Week beginning on Mon 5th March.

### PTFA event date:

Thank you ever so much to the PTFA for arranging an Easter Egg Hunt and activities with us! This will be on Sun 25th March at 10:30am on our school field. Tickets are £2.50 per child £5 maximum per family (bought in advance from Gina).

Thank you

### SPRING PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

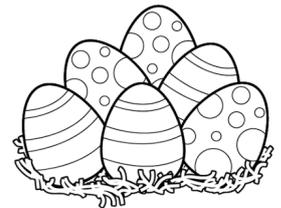
We are encouraging the use of Ofsted's Parent View as our questionnaire this time. Please google 'Parent View' and register, then complete a short questionnaire. Please respond by Friday 2nd March.

If you would prefer a paper copy, please ask.  
Many thanks

### Foodbank Easter Egg Collection

LVC Fitness are organising a collection of Easter Eggs for the Forest Foodbank.

If you would like to donate an Easter Egg, there will be a collection box in the school



**Open evening for parents:** We would like to share with you the types of activities your child does in school, such as phonics and reading; our book based literacy approach; growth mindset and learning partner approach; internet safety and maths strategies.

We plan to do this on a Wednesday after school in March or April and would like to know what time is best for the majority of parents, so please return the slip below. **When we have responses, the date and times will be advertised so please look out for that.** The idea is for us to be available for a couple of hours running repeat sessions, which parents rotate around so you can visit us many different sessions as you wish.

**Parents' open evening.** The best times for me would be: (please tick all that apply to you)

4:00-5:00

5:00-6:00

6:00-7:00

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_