



Welcome back everyone, I hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas! I am sure we are going to have a fantastic start to the new term and new year, and I am very much looking forward to seeing you all back at school again. This is going to be an exciting but possibly nerve-racking term for some of you as you will have a new teacher for after half-term, but I assure you that we will provide the best transition we can for all of you. You are all a fantastic bunch of children, and any teacher will be incredibly lucky to teach you.

School day

Our school day times are 8.35am - 3.15pm.

What are we learning?

Reading – This term we will continue reading 'The Girl Who Stole an Elephant' by Nizrana Farook. Following this, we will be studying 'The boy at the back of the class' by Onjali Q. Rauf and finally they will explore the text 'Varjak Paw' by SF Said.

English – We are going to be examining and writing lots of different text types. We will start the term by writing stories from other cultures, followed by our persuasive piece in the form of an advert. Then, they will write an explanatory text, a third person adventure story and study poems which explore form.

Maths – We will be starting the spring term by studying the unit 'Calculating with multiplication and division', followed by 'Fractions', 'Time', 'Decimals' and 'Area and perimeter'. We will also continue to focus a lot on our times tables in preparation for the Multiplication Tables Check (MTCs) at the end of Y4; and complete our fortnightly arithmetic assessments.

Curriculum – In our weekly science lessons, we will begin by studying the unit 'Animals, including humans.' Our history unit will be the 'Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England to the time of Edward the Confessor' and we will continue our geography unit 'Longitude and latitude', followed by the 'Water Cycle'. For their Art lessons, they will be studying 'Printmaking and Textiles' and '3D and collage'. In DT, they will have the opportunity to explore 'Textiles' and 'Structures'. The children will also continue to have weekly RE, Music, PSHE and French lessons. Computing will continue to be taught in blocks during each half-term.

PE/ Swimming

On the days the children have swimming and PE, **Mondays and Thursdays**, the children will continue to come into school in their PE kit and remain in their kit for the day. This will ensure we can maximise learning opportunities and spend less time in the school day getting changed. Please ensure your child sticks to the correct PE uniform policy.

Home learning

Home learning and spellings will continue to be uploaded via Showbie on Friday mornings and will be collected the following Friday morning. I will upload: an English task, a maths task, spellings and a curriculum knowledge organiser to revise. In addition to this, the children will be expected to practise TTRS at least three times during the week. and read for approximately 15mins every evening. It is very important that the children read EVERY day! The children will continue to bring their home learning/ reading logs to and from home daily, to ensure the children fill these in daily. Please try to listen to your child read a minimum of twice a week and sign their home learning log for every Friday. The children will also be continuing to bring their iPads home each day. Please ensure their iPad and pen is charged each evening and bring them into school each day. The children can complete their home learning on their iPads.

Reminders

Please ensure the children bring their reading book, coat, iPad + pen and water bottle into school each day. Our lost property, unfortunately, builds rapidly; therefore, please try to label all clothing and items as much as possible. Thank you.

Messages and contact

I am still on Class Dojo if you need me. I try my best to see them as often as possible and reply when I can. Please consider whether the message is required for the office **OR** me, not both.