

# NEWSLETTER - AUTUMN TERM 2024

## CLASSES 9, 10 & 11



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a lovely summer break and made some lovely memories. This term is set to be a busy one. We will be learning about the Romans and rivers and coasts. Check out the curriculum section and our sticky knowledge sheets on the school website to find out more!

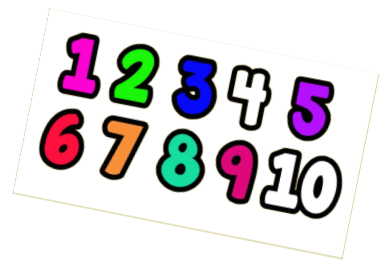


### English

During Autumn 1, we will be learning about narrative texts using the book 'Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Rauf. We will also be writing some descriptive pieces inspired by the picture book, 'The Journey', by Francesca Sanna. In Autumn 2, we will be learning to write poetry and an explanation text which will link to our topic of 'rivers and coasts'. In our grammar lessons we will be covering areas such as word classes, modal verbs, adverbs and relative clauses. In spelling, we will be looking at a range of spelling patterns so please keep your eyes peeled on Class Dojo and look in planners for the weekly spelling patterns.

### Maths

We will begin the year by focusing on place value and number before moving onto looking at mental methods and formal written methods for the four calculations. This will also involve lots of opportunities to apply our skills in problem solving scenarios. In Autumn 2, we will look closely at units of measure and converting between units of measure, so please support by practising this at home. Within our measures topic, we will also look at area, perimeter and volume. Please check out our school website to find out exactly what we cover in each of these maths units.



### What we are learning in the wider curriculum

**RSHE:** In RSHE, we will be focusing on the subject of 'happy and healthy families'. We will think about the relationships we have with others and how we show others and ourselves respect. In Autumn 2, we will be learning about how to look after our physical and mental wellbeing.

**RE:** In Autumn 1, we will learn about different religious values and we will be thinking about what is important to us. In Autumn 2, our focus is Muslim families & celebrations. We will also complete work around the Christian celebration of Christmas.

**Art/DT:** Autumn 1 sees us focusing on the art form of sculpture! We will be using the work of Donatello to inspire our very own sculptures of famous Roman Emperors. In Autumn 2, we focus on developing our DT skills in building fairground toys with working mechanisms. Start collecting your scrap ready for this project!

**PE:** Autumn term begins with some work on tag rugby and developing our skills in basketball. We will move onto handball and athletics in the second half of the term.

**Science:** We will spend the term learning about forces and how they act upon everything around us. We will learn about gravity, air resistance, water resistance and friction. This will involve lots of hands-on experiences and a close look at levers, pulleys and gears which will help us design our mechanisms in DT.

**History/Geography:** In Autumn 1, our history topic is going to focus around the Romans and how the Roman Empire and its emperors impacted on Britain. In Autumn 2, our geography topic focuses on rivers and coasts. We will learn how rivers are formed and will be using this knowledge to create explanation texts.

**Computing:** In computing, we will begin the Autumn term learning how to create code. Autumn 2 sees us using our computing skills to create games. We will continue to develop our knowledge in how to stay safe online, how to use technology in a respectful way and what to do if we have concerns online.

### Reminders

**PE Kit:** Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on PE days.

**Planners:** These should be signed daily and brought into school with their reading books.

**Nut Policy:** Please remember, we are a nut free school. Please ensure your child does not bring anything with nuts in their lunch boxes.

**Uniform:** Please remember that all uniform items should be named, especially the items children take off during the day. Please ensure the uniform policy is adhered to (see planners or the school website).

### Reading

Please continue to read at least 5 times a week at home with your child—practising at home has so many benefits! We check planners every Monday :)



### Spellings

We will be learning lots of new sounds and spelling patterns this half term. Keep an eye on Class Dojo every Monday for spellings to practice at home.

### TT Rockstars

Make sure you keep logging into TT Rockstars each week because points mean prizes! The expectation is for each child to spend 15 minutes on this per week as homework.



Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Mr Hallsworth

Class 9

Kestrels

Mrs Beck

Class 10

Hawks

Mr Jarvis/Miss Johnston

Class 11

Golden Eagles

