

NEWSLETTER - SPRING TERM 2024

CLASSES 9, 10 & 11



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a lovely Christmas break and made some super memories. This term is set to be another busy one. We will be learning about crime and punishment and local geography (Gedling). Check out the curriculum section and our sticky knowledge sheets on the school website to find out more!



English

During Spring 1, we will be learning about narrative texts using the book 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. We will also be writing a poem inspired by Shakespeare's Macbeth. In Spring 2, we will be learning to write a balanced non-chronological report and a persuasion which will be linked to our learning in geography. In our grammar lessons we will be covering areas such as colons/semicolons, passive verbs and speech. In spelling, we will be looking at a range of spelling patterns and continuing our work on syllables and sounds. Keep your eyes peeled on Class Dojo and planners for the weekly spelling patterns.

Maths

Next term will see us learning about fractions, decimals, percentages, properties of shape and position and direction. Please continue to support in learning times tables facts at home as these are integral in helping with many of the areas we will be working on. Don't forget to log onto TT Rockstars as the competition will heat up next term with new challenges to win whole class reward days!

What we are learning in the wider curriculum

RSHE: In RSHE, we will be learning about how to look after our physical and mental wellbeing. We will be completing work around emotional resilience and how we can develop good habits to help with our health. In Spring 2, we will be learning about economic wellbeing and finances.

RE: In Spring 1 our topic is 'Investigating Religions and Respect', where we will continue to develop our understanding of tolerance and respect. We will be focusing specifically on Muslim beliefs in Spring 2.

Art/DT: Spring 1 sees us focusing on the work of a modern day artist—Banksy! We will be using his work to inspire our very own street art pieces. In Spring 2, we focus on developing our DT skills in textiles. Get ready parents—your child will be creating a bag for you to take shopping!

PE: Spring term begins with some work on health and fitness and developing our skills in hockey. We will move onto volleyball and apparatus in the second half of the term.

Science: We will be looking at properties of materials and how these change. We will also be thinking about how we can mix materials and separate them in a variety of ways. We will learn how materials are selected for different reasons, based on the properties they have.

History/Geography: In Spring 1, our history topic is going to focus around crime and punishment and how this has changed since Victorian times. In Spring 2, our geography topic focuses on the area of Gedling. We will be studying the physical and human geography aspects of our local area as well as looking at industry and map skills.

Computing: In computing, we will begin the Spring term learning how to create our own online quizzes. Spring 2 sees us completing important work in Online Safety. 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.

French: In French, we will be learning about the following topics: animals; ordering food; dates and times; clothing; shopping and holiday plans.

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).



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

Miss Revill
Mrs Beck
Mr Jarvis/Miss Johnston

Class 9
Class 10
Class 11

Kestrels
Hawks
Golden Eagles



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 learn lots of new sounds and spelling patterns this half term. Keep an eye on Class Dojo every Monday for spellings to

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.

