

# NEWSLETTER - SPRING TERM 2024

## CLASSES 6, 7 & 8



Dear Parents/Carers

We trust that you have had a lovely winter break. Hopefully you are as excited as we are to continue our learning journey. This newsletter is to inform you about the topics that we are covering this term so that you can further support your children at home if you wish. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require further help or information.

### English

**Spring 1:** Focusing on the Ancient Greeks, we will be learning how to use inverted commas correctly, following the 5 speech rules, which will then lead to us writing a short myth. We will then learn about Pandora's Box before writing a balanced argument discussing whether or not we should open the box, using a range of additive, causal and contrasting conjunctions.

**Spring 2:** Next half term, we will be reading 'Secrets of a Sun King' by Emma Carroll. Firstly, we will recap inverted commas and description before applying these skills in a short story. After that, we will investigate the features of a newspaper article, before the children write one of their own using fronted adverbials, inverted commas and paragraphs.



### Maths

**Multiplication and Division:** We will begin to apply our times tables knowledge to help us multiply 2 and 3-digit numbers by a 1-digit number. We will also divide larger number by partitioning them to help us, therefore dividing the hundreds, tens and ones separately.

**Measurement:** We will begin by converting measures for length, mass and capacity. We will then apply our knowledge of length to help us find the area and perimeter of rectilinear shapes.

**Fractions:** We will understand what a fraction is and recognise ones that are equivalent. We will then use our division knowledge to find fractions of amounts, and then solve simple problems.

### What we are learning in the wider curriculum

**R.S.H.E:** Our first topic will be about our wellbeing and what we can do to ensure that we take care of ourselves through relaxation and different fun activities. We will then discuss money and economic wellbeing. We will discuss spending money with a budget in mind and different careers they might consider when they grow up.

**R.E:** First we will learn about Judaism and their different celebrations, such as Passover and Bar/Bat Mitzvahs. Our second topic will be about miracles in the Bible and the story of Easter.

**Art/D.T:** In art, we will create a clay pot in the style of the Ancient Greeks. We will research their designs and learn how to build a clay pot using the coil technique. In D.T. we will design, construct and evaluate a night light for a young child that can switch on and off. This will be applying the science knowledge that we have developed this term on electricity.

**P.E:** Before half term, we will be practicing our gymnastics skills on different apparatus. After half term we will be improving our hockey skills and improving our health and fitness.

**Science:** Our topic for this term will be 'Electricity'. We will learn how electricity is made and create electrical circuits using practical equipment. We will discuss the difference between a complete and incomplete circuit, as well as discussing different types of circuits e.g. series and parallel. We will then apply this knowledge to test if materials are conductors or insulators and understand how switches turn electrical things on and off.

**History/Geography:** In history, we will be learning about the Ancient Greeks. We will discover who these people were and where they lived. We will learn about their belief system and how they created pottery and clay, before discussing their impact on the modern world. In geography, we will learn about deserts. We will learn about where they are located in the world using maps, the animals that have adapted to live there, and how deserts were formed.

**Computing:** Our first unit will focus on spreadsheets. We will learn how to read them correctly and also how to input data into them. Our second unit will be learning how to stay safe online. We will discuss information that is private and personal, and what we should never share online.

### Reminders

**P.E. Kit:** Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit (white or navy t-shirt and navy shorts) 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 ensure the uniform policy is adhered to. Check your planners or the school website if you are unsure of the uniform policy.



### Reading

Reminder: please ensure that your child reads 5 times or more each week and that this is recorded and signed for in their planner. Each entry will count towards their reading awards.

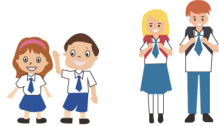


### Spellings

Each Monday, your child will be set 10 new spelling words. They will need to practice these 3 times on their homework sheet and return it to school on Friday.

### TT Rock Stars

Make sure you keep practicing your times tables online. Each class will be taking part in weekly competitions to get lots of points!



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

Miss de Wael  
Mr Narborough  
Miss King

Class 6  
Class 7  
Class 8

Kingfishers  
Skylarks  
Falcons