

NEWSLETTER - AUTUMN TERM 2025

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 Victorians, World War Two and other key events across the eras. 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 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty. We will also be writing discussion texts about Victorian Work Houses, after we experience what they were like on our trip! In Autumn 2, we will be focusing our English work around the book, 'Letters from the Lighthouse' by Emma Carroll. 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 'Families and Relations. 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 how followers of a religion show their commitment to their god. In Autumn 2, our focus is Christianity and we will be looking at religious covenants linked to this religion. We will also complete work around the celebration of Christmas.

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 materials, properties of materials and how materials can be changed through procedures such as burning, dissolving, melting, rusting.

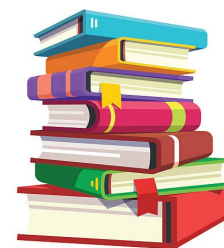
History/Geography: During the whole of the Autumn term, our history topic is a whistle stop tour of key historical events from The Victorians era and World War Two and the Battle of Britain. We will then focus on key changes across the eras, including the 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s and 00s.

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.

French: In French, we will be learning about the difference between formal and informal words and we will find out about key events in the history of France. In Autumn 2, we will be looking at vocabulary linked to calculations, being in the community and visiting a hospital or doctor.

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 day so please make sure these are signed and kept up to date. Don't forget that if you read 5 times in a week (measured Friday to Friday), you will receive extra play-time each week!



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.

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.



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.

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