

NEWSLETTER - AUTUMN TERM 2025

CLASSES 6, 7 & 8



Dear Parents/Carers

We hope that you have all had a lovely summer and that the children are ready to begin another exciting school year. 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

Autumn 1: We will be starting this term reading 'Bill's New Frock' by Anne Fine. We will practice using simple conjunctions to help us join clauses and create compound sentences for a diary entry from Bill's point of view. We will learn how to write a set of instructions for making a cup of Mayan hot chocolate, linked to our history learning.

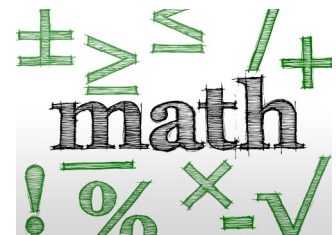
Autumn 2: Next term, we will be reading various ancient Greek myths. We will rewrite the myth of Midas and his golden touch following the five speech rules to punctuate direct speech and using adjectives. We will then write a persuasive letter to Pandora using causal conjunctions, adjectives and rhetorical questions, persuading her to either open or not open the box.

Maths

Place Value: We will begin by understanding the value of numbers with 3 and 4-digits (e.g. 234 or 5672). We will learn how to order and compare these numbers by their size, and build them in different ways using units of thousands, hundreds, tens and ones.

Addition and Subtraction: We will learn how to add simple or rounded numbers using mental methods, and then calculate with larger numbers using the column method.

Multiplication: We will learn how to multiply numbers up to 12 and show our thinking through a variety of diagrams an equations.



What we are learning in the wider curriculum

R.S.H.E: Our first topic will be about understanding that all families are different, that they love and support each other in different ways, and that if problems do arise, that help is available. Our second topic is about our identity and diversity. We will learn how we are all both similar and different and celebrate these differences that make each of us unique.

R.E: First we will learn about why there are four gospels in Christianity and why they are relevant to Christians through the stories of John baptising Jesus, Jesus calming the storm and feeding the 5000. After half term, we will learn about the deities in Santana Dharma (Hinduism) and how they teach Sanatanis (Hindus) to lead a good life.

P.E: Before half term, we will be practicing our athletics skills and playing handball. After half term we will be improving our football and netball skills before playing some matches.

Science: Our first topic will be 'Sound'. We will learn how a sound is made, and how our ear hears this sound. We will also learn about how the pitch and volume of a sound changes. Our second unit will be about nutrition, skeletons and muscles. We will learn about the main food groups we must eat to stay healthy, and about the 3 different skeletons that animals can have: endoskeletons, exoskeletons and hydro skeletons.

History/Geography: In history, we will be learning about Ancient Egypt - all about the pyramids and the Nile river. Ancient Greece - the struggle between the Athenians and the Spartans and the Olympics. Mayans- looking at their diet and beliefs, following ancient recipes to make Mayan hot chocolate.

Computing: Our first unit will focus on how to search for information on the internet effectively by using a search engine. The children will learn how to effectively shape their searches and filter through their results for the answer they need. We will then learn how to animate objects using a variety of online tools to help them create a stop-motion animation of their own.

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 given 10 new spellings. They will need to practice these at home during the week, ready for their spelling test on Friday.

TT Rockstars

Make sure you keep practicing your times tables online. This will be part of your homework each week & checked by your teacher.



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.



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

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