



Welcome Back!

We are so pleased to see everyone back in school. We hope you all had a wonderful half term and are looking forward to term 6. We can't believe we are now in term 6 and you will soon be preparing for your new class. We have lots of exciting things planned for the term ahead which we hope you are all going to enjoy.

Spellings

Children will continue to be given spellings every week to learn at home and in school. Please support your child by helping them to learn their spellings and encourage them to use the words given to them as often as possible. This could be when they are speaking or when they are writing. Pupils will be given spellings every Monday and tested on them the following Monday. This will involve some focus words and words from their word list.

Homework

The children have settled well into the school routine and there are now a few things we would like you to focus on with your child as their homework for term 6. We believe that little and often rather than learning in large chunks once a week, has a much more positive impact on a child's learning. We recommend encouraging your child to spend 10 minutes a day on TT Rock Stars and to revise their spellings daily. We also encourage daily reading.

Reading

Children should have a reading book to take home and bring back to school every day. It is important that your child reads at home for at least ten minutes every day and a few times a week out loud to an adult. It is still important to spend this time reading as they progress towards the end of the reading scheme, as it helps with fluency and expression as well as aiding their understanding of new vocabulary. It is also important to question and discuss the book with your child to support understanding. As you listen to your child read, please record any comments in their reading record as well as any comments that they have about the book. Once they have finished reading the book, please encourage your child to change it when they walk into school. If children read five times per week, then they shall receive a house point and join our Star Reader board.

Music

We will continue to look at the music of the Beatles and explore aspects of rhythm, pitch, duration, pulse and tempo. We will use a mixture of the pitched glockenspiels and boom whackers as well as a variety of non-pitched instruments along with singing songs.

DT

This term we will be exploring Ancient Greek architecture. The children will be exploring and testing some of the architectural features and using a variety of different tools and media to create miniature scaled models of Olympus.

Latin

We will continue to learn about the lives of Minimus and the family who lived at Vindolanda during Roman times. We will learn how to use adjectives in Latin.

Topic

During this term, pupils will continue to explore the exciting history of Ancient Greece. We will be exploring Ancient Greek buildings and their architectural features, looking into the history and day in the life of a school child in Sparta and in Athens. The children will be participating in a class debate as they discover more about Ancient Greek democracy. We will end the term exploring the history of the Olympics, including recreating our own class version of the Ancient Greek games.

English

This term, pupils will be studying non-fiction books based on Ancient Greece. As the term develops, pupils will be learning a variety of new vocabulary, punctuation and grammar skills as well as being introduced to a wider range of spelling patterns. The children will be writing non-chronological reports and participating in persuasive writing. Guided reading sessions will continue to take place each week, to provide closer support in developing the children's comprehension skills.

RE

In term 6 we will explore a topic on Sacraments. In this topic we will consider the Bible story of the Prodigal Son and learn more about the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will also look at how a Eucharist is celebrated and how the component parts of a mass are put together.

Science

In science, pupils will be learning about electricity with focus on the uses of electricity, and how to wire a simple circuit.

We will then move on to exploring states of matter and changes of state, with particular reference to water.

Mathematics

As you will be aware, the Multiplication Tables Check will be taking place for the year 4 children, this term. Although the test is for year 4 children only, we expect both year 3 and 4 to participate in daily multiplication practise as it is a vital skill that enables continuous progression in all areas of Maths.

Our main focus during term 6 will be fractions. The children will spend time recapping unit and non-unit fractions, counting in fractions and finding equivalence fractions. They will learn how to calculate tenths and decimals, calculate fractions of quantity and apply these skills through problem solving.

These skills could be supported at home, when sharing pizzas or baking, encouraging use of language such as half, quarter, thirds and so on.

PE

All children are expected to join in PE as it helps to develop their fine and gross motor skills as well as improving their mental and physical health.

In term 6 our PE days will continue to take place every Wednesday and Friday. It is expected that children wear the correct kit for every lesson, which includes: a plain white t-shirt, black shorts and trainers or daps. On a Wednesdays, Mrs Grew will continue to teach the Jasmine Active lessons and this term, the focus will be on social skills.

Mrs Swonnell will be teaching tennis as part of the Friday outdoor PE sessions.