

Key Stage 2 Newsletter Autumn Term 2022



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you all had a lovely restful summer break and are ready for the Autumn Term. We are so impressed with how well the children have settled into their new classes and routines and we are very excited for the year ahead.

This newsletter has lots of information about the exciting learning and activities that will take place across Key Stage 2 this term. If you have a particular skill or knowledge that compliments any of our curriculum areas, do let us know as we would love to invite visitors into school this term. Curriculum Overviews for the Autumns term are also available on the school website, on the class pages, which give you further information on all curriculum areas.

Topics and Themes

Year 3

Our topic this half term is 'Our European Neighbours'. We will be recapping the 7 continents before zooming in on the countries that make up Europe and comparing London to Paris. In the second half term, we will be going back in time and learning about what life was like in the Stone Age through to the Iron Age and what evidence we have of this.

Year 4

Our first half term's topic is 'Mexico'. We will be learning about the geography of Mexico, including identifying its neighbouring countries and its location on the globe. The second half term's topic will be focusing on 'The Anglo-Saxons and Scots', where we will explore the changes that occurred in Britain during this time period.

More Curriculum Information

Half-termly curriculum maps detailing themes and learning outcomes across all areas of the curriculum, can be found on our class pages of the school website.

The Maths and English sections of the website also contain more detailed information on year group objectives and methods.

Reading

Of course, reading helps to enrich your child's language and makes them a better writer so please continue to read with your child at least three times a week and sign their reading record. Children in Key Stage Two are expected to change their reading books in class themselves.

Children have whole class reading lessons where the skill of reading are taught, as well as many additional opportunities to read with an adult or select from the wide range of books we have available in the class to read for pleasure. We endeavour to ensure that children are listened to read in school once every two weeks.

Year 3

In Year 3, Mrs Jarvis teaches Penguin Class, supported by Mrs Leggett and Miss Clarke; Miss Blake teaches Badger Class, supported by Mrs McQueen. Mrs Goodyear teaches the Penguins on a Tuesday morning and the Badgers on a Thursday afternoon.

Year 4

In Year 4, Miss Seymour teaches Kingfisher Class, currently supported by Mrs Temple-Hill; Mrs McNeill teaches Lion Class, supported by Mrs Tasev. Mrs Goodyear teaches in Lion class on Friday and the Kingfisher class on a Wednesday.

PE

All children in KS2 will be encouraged to be active every day, from the daily mile to active English/maths sessions and formal PE lessons. Children will need to come to school wearing their PE kit on their PE day, as follows:

Year 3 - Tuesday & Friday

Year 4 - Wednesday & Thursday

Year 4 are lucky to have their PE session on Wednesday taught by Matt Fellingham.

Cloakroom

Please help your child to choose a small school bag or a school book bag that is appropriate to their needs. Our cloakrooms in Key Stage 2 are small in size and cannot accommodate large bags.

Equipment

Please remember suitable clothing for wet and cold weather. Warm, waterproof clothing is essential on colder days even if your child is normally driven to school. We encourage children to go outside in all weathers and will be outside for many lessons this term. Children must have indoor shoes to change into.

Please check that your child brings a water bottle to school - only water is permitted in the bottles. Children are encouraged to bring a snack to eat at morning break, this should ideally be fruit, vegetables, crackers or plain biscuits. No nut products, sweets or high sugar/salt items (such as cakes, crisps, chocolate biscuits etc.) are allowed as we follow the 'Healthy Schools' initiative.

Home Learning

Please support your child with their reading at home by reading at least three times each week. As children become more fluent readers, checking their comprehension and understanding of a text is key. Spelling Shed will be phased out over this term and a new spelling scheme will be introduced after half term. More information on this will be communicated in due course.

By the end of Year 4, children need to know all their times tables up to 12x12. Please practise times tables regularly at home. There are many games, apps and websites that can support this learning and more information about these will be shared in the year group curriculum evening.

We hope children are also enjoying '100 Things To Do Whilst At Tannery Drift'. It is always nice to reflect on the completion of these activities as children end Year 4 so do access the list, which can be downloaded from the class pages on the school website.

Dates for your diary

23rd September – Kingfisher Class Assembly
30th September – Badger Class Assembly
4th October – Individual photographs
14th October – Lion Class Assembly
18th & 20th October – Parent Consultations
21st October – Penguin Class Assembly

Week beg 7th November – Arts Week
15th November – Open Classrooms & Art Gallery
2nd December – Occasional Day
8th December – Church Carol Service
16th December – Christmas Dinner
21st December – 2pm End of Term

Best wishes from

The Key Stage 2 Team



Enjoyment, achievement, respect

