



Thursday 12th September 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to Key Stage 2.

The children are settling well into their new classes and routines. They have helped to write new Class Charters - a set of rules which they have all signed and agreed to keep within their classroom. They have also reminded themselves about Online Safety, writing and signing a set of rules for using our technology. Both sets of rules are on display in each classroom. #Respect #Trust

We have started the term focusing on our art work, looking at Exploring Identity, making self-portraits using different media and layering. Look out for our portrait galleries.

PE & Swimming

In P.E this term we will be having a coached PE lesson focusing on invasion and target games. Please ensure your child wears their full PE kit to school, including trousers, leggings or joggers as well as a school jumper, as these will be essential for outdoor PE lessons, as we head into the colder months.

Year 3	Wednesday afternoon
Year 4	Wednesday afternoon
Year 5	Thursday afternoon
Year 6	Thursday afternoon

Hedgehog class (Miss Wine’s class) will be swimming on a Tuesday afternoon for the first half term. This letter has already been sent separately to inform parents. A quick reminder – please can this be a ‘NO TIGHTS TUESDAY’ for the class that is swimming.

Outdoor Lessons

Outdoor lessons will be every other week on a Thursday or Friday morning.

Hedgehog Class	Every other Wednesday- (11th, 25th Sept 9th, 23rd Oct)
Dormice Class	Every other Wednesday- (18th Sept 2nd, 16th Oct)
Fox Class	Every other Thursday- (12th, 26th Sept 10th, 24th Oct)
Owl Class	Every other Friday- (13th, 27th Sept 11th, 25th Oct)

For Outdoor lessons, the children will need to come to school in their outdoor clothes, carrying with them their school uniform to change into after our sessions. They will also need a pair of old trainers or as the weather gets wetter a pair of wellie boots. Outdoor clothes need to be ‘old’ clothes suitable for climbing trees and playing in the undergrowth: long sleeves and trousers are compulsory. An old waterproof coat is also needed as we go into winter; we will go out whatever the weather.

If your child has PE or an after school sport club, on the same day as their Outdoor lesson then they can bring their PE kit into school instead of uniform to change into.

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Homework

Reading: the children will be provided with our new KS2 reading for pleasure logbooks as soon as possible. Instructions for using these logbooks will be sent out in a separate letter. As part of homework we expect the children to read at least three times a week.

Times Tables for Y3 and Y4: please help your children with learning and practising for their daily Times Tables Challenge. There are opportunities for the children to achieve certificates as part of our systematic, whole class approach which will prepare the Y4 children for their national Multiplication Times Table Check in June 2024.
#Aspiration

There are lots of ways you can help your children with practising their times tables, including counting in multiples as they climb the stairs, practising their recall of number patterns and facts in the car, using games/apps on the internet or on tablets, for example Mathsframe, Doodle Learning, Hit the Button and Squeebles. Any log-ins required will be stuck in the front of home learning books.

English & Maths: each week the children will have a task related to their in-class work (this could be a SPaG, Reading Comprehension, Writing or Topic related task) and a maths task recalling their arithmetic skills or practising specific skills learnt in class. This work will normally be sent out on a Wednesday to be returned by the following Monday. For completing and handing this work in on time the children will have the opportunity to earn House Points as part of our whole school reward system.

Project homework: We will be challenging all of our Key Stage 2 children to complete a more in depth homework task each term. Each project will be linked to our theme for the term. More details to follow at a later date.

If you have any questions or queries, please do come and speak to your class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Hooper, Mrs Radford, Miss Wines and Mrs Cottle.
The KS2 Teaching Team