

Friday 1st May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Summer Term - KS2

Welcome back! The Summer Term is always a busy and exciting one, and we are very much looking forward to exploring a range of engaging topics with the children across the curriculum. It is also an important time for consolidating learning and building confidence. For our Year 4 children, this term will include the Multiplication Tables Check, and we will continue to support them through regular practice and reassurance to help them feel well prepared and confident.

Wish You Were Here

This term our over-arching topic is "Wish You Were Here", where the children will be exploring geography through the study of different countries and landscapes. We will learn about the geography of the UK and America, with a particular focus on national parks, as well as exploring Brazil. Children will develop their map-reading skills, using atlases and maps to locate places and understand key geographical features.

In Science, our learning will focus on plants, linking this to their building knowledge of the Amazon Rainforest. Children will investigate seed dispersal, explore plant life cycles, and learn about the importance of reforestation and how plants help our environment.

Art lessons will encourage creativity through storytelling using drawing and sculpture. Children will explore how artists convey ideas and narratives visually and will experiment with a range of materials and techniques.

In Design and Technology, we will be investigating French foods. Children will have opportunities to evaluate existing foods, design their own, and take part in cooking activities, developing both their practical skills and understanding of nutrition.

In Music, the focus will be on singing for performance. Children will explore how pitch, tempo and dynamics affect music and will develop confidence and expression through singing together.

PE

Our PE this term will focus on athletics, with sessions developing running, jumping and throwing skills. Also in this term, children will take part in either cricket or rounders, working on teamwork, coordination and game skills. The Year 5 girls will also have a fantastic opportunity to

take part in additional football sessions this term. Please ensure your child comes to school dressed in appropriate kit to take part in outdoor sessions - this will be dependent on weather. Please provide a sunhat and ensure suncream has been applied on hot, sunny days. Please make sure that all long hair has been tied back on PE days.

Y4: Wednesdays

Y5: Thursdays

Y6: Thursdays

Outdoor Lessons

For Forest School dates, please refer to the important dates that are sent out via the office. 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. Children will need welly boots, old trainers or walking boots - they must have a change of shoes and clothes. Outdoor clothes need to be 'old' clothes suitable for a wet and muddy environment, an old waterproof coat is recommended; 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.

Homework

Reading: As part of homework, we expect the children to read at least three times a week, and complete a reading task. Reading Journals will be checked at the beginning of each week, and certificates awarded for tasks completed. Regular reading in KS2 supports children in becoming confident, fluent readers and, importantly, helps inspire a lasting love of books.

Times Tables: A practice Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) is set weekly for the children to complete. There are a range of apps and online games available to support practice at home, including Emile, Hit the Button and Maths Frame. Practising times tables aloud is also very effective in helping children to quickly and confidently recall these facts.

English & Maths: Each week the children will have a task related to their in-class work. This may include Emile, Mathsframe or IXL, alongside spellings. This work will normally be sent out on a Friday to be returned by the following Wednesday. For tasks completed and handing homework in on time the children will have the opportunity to earn House Points as part of our whole school reward system.

Project homework: The children were incredibly enthusiastic about their Roman projects last term—thank you for the encouragement you gave them in creating such wonderful work. Please keep an eye out for information about the summer project later on in the term!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. If you have any questions or would like further information about the summer term, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Cottle

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