



January 2024

## Curriculum News



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we start another busy term, here is some information about what we are expecting to be doing over the next few months.

Below, you will see a brief overview of the curriculum for this term.

English	<u>Spelling</u> : All children will have weekly spellings <u>Reading</u> : Class shared reading sessions and group work <u>Writing</u> : A variety of genres including: non-chronological report, story, persuasive writing
Maths	Year 5 - multiplication and division; fractions, decimals and percentages; perimeter and area; statistics; ongoing arithmetic work Year 6 - ratio; algebra; fractions, decimals and percentages; area, perimeter and volume; statistics; ongoing arithmetic work
Science	Light and reflection Circuits, batteries and switches
History/ Geography	What was life like in Tudor England? Would you like to live in the desert?
DT/Art	Making a pop-up book Portraits
PE	Outdoor: hockey, cross country & outdoor and adventurous activity. Indoor: dance, yoga and gymnastics
RE	What happens when we die?
French	Playground games - numbers and age In a French classroom
Music	Musical theatre Theme and variations (Pop art)
PSHE	Safety and the changing body Citizenship

### Reading

In school, reading takes place in a variety of contexts. Children will read aloud with an adult and discuss what they have read. Other reading activities will take place with the whole class or individually. Although children in Year 5 and 6 can read, we really hope that you will help your child by listening to them at home and discussing the content, characters and vocabulary. Research shows that even fluent readers benefit enormously from this. We will continue to check reading records weekly.

**If you, a friend or relative are able to spare some time to come in and listen to children read, it really would be appreciated. This could be during an afternoon or for 10 minutes during registration. Even the last 20 minutes of the day, 2 or 3 times a week would make a big difference. Please let us know if you can help in any way.**

### Spellings

We expect that every child will learn their spellings. These will be given out on a Friday and tested the following week. In order to learn these words, children will need to follow the "Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check" method, writing them out on the list provided in their books.

### Multiplication Facts

Quick and accurate recall of tables really does assist maths work. Many children know their tables, but they can keep their skills sharp and improve further by practising on Times Table Rockstars. Children also have access to Sumdog which offers a variety of mathematical challenges.

### 'SATs'

Year 6 will be taking their 'SATs' tests from 13th - 16th May. Please ensure you do not book holidays during this period. There will be a meeting for parents on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 3:30p.m. in Kingfishers to let you know what will be involved.

### Other dates for the diary

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March - Year 5 and 6 assembly, 9a.m.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March - Crucial Crew trip for Year 6. More details to follow

We hope this has given you some idea of what we will be doing this term. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Jo Leftley, Amy Bennett, Sarah Whatling and Lucy Page (Class teachers)