

Spring 2025– Curriculum News

January 2025

We hope you had a wonderful break and are looking forward to all the exciting things we have planned for the new year.

We begin our term with History, which will take us back to the time of the Anglo Saxons. We will be finding out about their everyday lives, their origins and their importance in British history. We will find out where this historical period is placed alongside the chronology of other historical periods the children know. Our Geography learning will focus on longitude and latitude, time zones and how they affect us. In our Science lessons, we will be learning about teeth, the digestive system and food chains. In Computing, we will be using iMovie to be creative. PSHE will be taught weekly and will focus on ‘Dreams and Goals’ and ‘Healthy Me’. These topics will explore our ambitions and sources of inspiration as well as how to keep ourselves healthy by learning about balanced diets, exercise and healthy lifestyle choices. Speaking and listening will be a central aspect of this subject. In our R.E lessons, we will be exploring Buddhism and whether its teachings make the world a better place. In art, ‘textiles and printmaking’ will be our focus as we explore Kente Cloth patterns. In DT, we will focus on mechanisms and structures. In Music, Year 4s will further improve their ukulele playing with Mr. Cole and Year 3s will continue to develop their recorder playing with Mrs Jones.

LKS2 Staff

Mrs Brill
Japan Class

Mrs Hines
Kenya Class

Mrs Stevenson
Morocco Class

Mr Marsh (Mon, Tues, Fri)

Mrs Jones (Weds, Thurs)
Mexico Class

Miss Fayers

Mrs Jones (Fri)
Ukraine Class

Mrs Hyden &

Mr Crouch
Learning Support Assistants

Mrs Cragg, Mr Newson,
Kicks & Tricks
PPA Cover



English

Children will be exploring lots of different genres. These will include poetry, explanation texts (linked to our Science), narrative and a persuasive advert. We will place great emphasis on foundational writing skills such as basic punctuation, spelling and sentence structures.



Reading

Children will be given regular opportunities to quiz and change their ‘Ready Reader’ book. Please listen to your child **read at least 3 times a week** and record this, with a signature, in your child’s reading log. We also encourage children to record any independent reading they have done at home.

Mathematics



Children will further explore multiplication and division this term, developing their written methods. They will complete problem solving activities to further their understanding of the number system. Year 4s will begin new learning about decimals and both Year 3 and 4 will extend their learning about fractions. Children will continue to practise their times tables. Year 4s, in readiness for the government’s multiplication table check: for this they will need to know all of the multiplication tables up to 12 X 12 and be able to respond with an answer within 6 seconds. Any support you can give at home would greatly help your child to be fully prepared for this. For both year groups, frequent use of Times Table Rock Stars is highly recommended, using the heat maps to know which facts need more practise.

Recommended Read



The Wild Robot.



Rainbow Challenges

- Create a model of a tooth.
- Create and build your own Anglo -Saxon house.
- Write a postcard from your class country.
- When going for a walk, try to notice what happens in nature as Spring arrives.
- Learn how to tie knots (shoelaces, end of a thread, etc)
- Paint a picture of a flower like Georgia O’Keeffe.
- Make a list of countries that the equator runs through.



Home Learning

From Friday 10th, we will be setting home learning. This will be a maths OR English task in addition to a spelling task to complete on Showbie. This task will be related to the learning in the classroom. It will be set on Friday and due in the following Wednesday. Children will learn a new spelling concept each fortnight and spelling games will be set on Spelling Shed which relate to the spelling rule/pattern being taught in class. Times Tables Rockstars is highly recommended to enhance and secure the children’s knowledge of multiplication and division facts. Please encourage your child to practice on TTRS as frequently as possible.

PE



PE days for each class will be as follows:
Japan and Mexico: Weds / Thurs
Kenya and Morocco: Tues / Weds
Ukraine: Mon / Weds
Please ensure your child comes to school in the correct P.E kit on both of these days. Warm clothes will be needed; this includes a dark coloured jumper as children should not wear their school jumper for P.E. **Earrings must be removed and long hair tied back for safety reasons.**