

Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely and restful break.

As the weather can be unpredictable this term, please can your child bring in a coat, sun hat and water bottle.

PE Days: Both classes will continue to have **PE on Tuesdays**. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school on this day.

Homework: Homework will be set each Friday. English and Maths homework will be sent out on alternate weeks.

Reading: Reading folders should be brought into school every day, as we aim to provide regular opportunities for reading. We kindly ask that children read at home at least three times a week. As the children are becoming more confident, we encourage them to record their own reading during the week and discuss what they have read with an adult once a week.

Adults can then sign or comment in the reading record.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Collingwood and Mrs Comley

English

This term, we will begin with reading *The Flower* by John Light. We will make predictions and write setting descriptions based on the opening and final pictures. We will then move onto *The Tiny Seed* by Eric Carle, using it as inspiration to write our own explanation texts based on the lifecycle of a plant.

After half term, we will be looking at an animation called *Once in a Lifetime*.

We will be writing fantasy stories, incorporating lots of descriptive language, sentence openers and conjunctions to link our ideas.

Geography and History

We start the Summer Term with History as we explore what aspects of life were like during the Victorian period.

Later in the term, the Geography learning will include the features of the coast and our local area.

Computing

The children will have the opportunity to learning about how to program Beebots using algorithms and then applying their knowledge of these in using the program Scratch.

Music

The children will be exploring musical storytelling by thinking about how music can represent events, feelings and actions. We will also be looking at how animals can be represented through music and learning to sing folk songs.



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Maths

In the Summer term, we will be starting work on fractions. This will form a large part of our learning in the first half term. Then, we will be moving on to telling the time, statistics and position and direction. It is important that children continue working on learning their times tables at home and continue to build on their basic number knowledge to help them in readiness for Maths in KS2.

Art/DT

In Art, the children will investigate the medium of clay, making small thumb pots and eventually building towards making their own clay tile in the shape of a house. In DT, they will be investigating levers and linkages to make their very own moving monster toy!

Science

In Science, we will be looking at seeds and bulbs, observing them to see which conditions they need to be able to grow. We will also learn about the different parts of a flower's lifecycle, particularly focusing on how seeds can be dispersed.

RE

Throughout the summer term, the children will be learning about what it means to be thankful, by looking at different practices and central beliefs of Christianity and Judaism.

PSHE

The Story Book Project focus for the Summer Term are the texts *The Girl at the Front of the Class* and *Grandad's Camper*. These texts cover the central themes of loss, kindness, friendship, tolerance and hope.

PE

This term, the children will take part in a range of activities including attacking and defending and athletics, helping them to build skills and confidence as they prepare for Sports Day.