



Tuesday, 24th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have enjoyed a lovely break over the half-term holidays. The attached Topic map details the curriculum overview for the term. Below, we have written some general reminders and detailed some key dates. This term is jam-packed with lots of exciting opportunities. As usual, please keep your eyes on your emails for updates.

Key Dates

Tuesday 2nd March - Author's visit - Benji Alexander

Thursday 5th March- World Book Day

Week Beginning 9th March - Science Week

Tuesday 10th March- provisional Parents Evening date

Thursday 19th March- provisional Parents Evening date

After Easter Break - Wednesday 29th April - visit to Hampton Court

Advanced reminder: Statutory Y4 timed multiplication test will happen between Monday 1 June and Friday 12 June.

PE

All classes will have indoor P.E. on **Thursdays** and **Fridays** and need to come to school in **PE kit**. On Thursdays, our lessons will be led by external cricket coach and Friday session will be gymnastics in the hall.

Sensible Pencil cases

Please ensure that your child has an appropriate pencil case (which must be able to fit in their trays) and **replenish the equipment**. Please note that children are responsible for letting parents and carers know what needs to be replenished. KS2 class teachers are not provided with extra equipment to do unfortunately. Pencils and rubbers are particularly scarce and used in every lesson. If you have any concerns about providing these resources, please email the office.

Essential equipment for daily work includes:

- HB writing pencils x4
- colourless glue-stick
- small sharpener (preferably with a 'bin' attached)
- a rubber

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- 30cm ruler (without hinges)
- colouring pencils

Homework

Children are expected to practise their **reading, spellings and times tables daily**. We will continue to **send maths sheets after daily lessons** for additional practice, especially if your child found the new concept tricky. We recommend children spend **15 mins reading, 10 mins on spellings and 10 mins on times tables each day**.

Reading

It is a school-wide expectation that children should **read daily** and that this is **recorded in reading records** (by the child or an adult). Children should bring in their reading records and take them home every day as they contain important log in details. When reading, please mark down the date, book title and the pages read. Record books will be monitored weekly by an adult.

Spellings

The children will continue to have daily spelling lessons to learn spelling rules with a dictation **spelling test every Friday**. Spelling rules will be sent home for each half-term. Practising writing their spellings at home as well as in-school is essential to help 'overlearn' spellings to maximise memorability.

Times Tables

It is important children **practise their times tables and division facts daily** in preparation for the **'The Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)'** in June. As a result, we would like children to spend **30 minutes a week on TT Rockstars** or <https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/> . Here, your child can practise the quantity and speed of questions similar to the MTC. Times table knowledge will be tested regularly in class.

Please get in touch with us if you have any queries.. ClassDojo has a messaging feature for teacher-parent communications, however, please note that any time-sensitive issues or concerns should not be shared here. Appointments to discuss any concerns should be made via the office and we will happily make time to see you.

Yours sincerely,

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