

# Autumn 2024– Curriculum News

September 2024

We hope you had a tremendous summer and are looking forward to all the exciting things we have planned for the year ahead. We begin with a history focus on Ancient Rome and will be learning about who the Romans were and what their everyday life was like. We will find out where this historical period is placed alongside the chronology of other historical periods the children know. We will explore the Roman's development of technology and discover the significance of Queen Boudica. In our Science lessons, we will be learning about living things and their habitats to understand how living things are classified and what characterises the various groups of species living on our planet. After half term, we move on to 'States of Matter'. In Geography, we will focus on how the water cycle works and what affects it. In Computing, we will be learning how to stay safe online and we will also begin our journey finding out how to use iPads in the classroom to support and enrich our learning. PSHE will be taught weekly and will focus on 'Being Me in My World', which explores how we fit into our communities and the importance of rules. Speaking and listening will be a central aspect of this subject. In our R.E lessons, we will explore Buddhism and the pursuit of happiness. We will be learning how to play the ukulele (Y4) and recorder (Y3) in our Music lessons and will learn about composition, notation and various genres of music. We will be practising our drawing and painting skills in Art. In our DT lessons we will be learning about processed and unprocessed foods and making pizzas, after half term we will be practising our sewing skills. In French will be learning and recapping greetings, numbers and the calendar.

## 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

**Mrs Hughes (Mon – Thurs)**

**Mrs Jones (Fri)**

Ukraine Class

**Mrs Hyden &**

**Mr Crouch**

Learning Support Assistants

**Mrs Cragg, Mr Newson,  
Mrs Worley & Mrs Warren**

PPA Cover



## English

We will begin our writing lessons by revisiting sentence structures and word classes. Children will then explore a range of genres including: newspaper reports: persuasive adverts: poetry: narrative and diary entries. Handwriting will be taught and pen licenses awarded!



## Reading

Reading for pleasure is hugely important. It is expected that children will read at home daily and this will be individually signed in their reading diaries a minimum of 3 times a week and signed by an adult at home. In our Guided Reading sessions, we will read 'Varjak Paw' by SF Said.



## Mathematics

Children will explore number and place value this term, working with increasingly larger numbers. They will complete problem solving activities to further their understanding of the number system. Formal methods will be used for addition and subtraction as well as consolidating mental strategies. Children will continue with their times table this year, however Year 4s will take the government's multiplication table check, in the Summer term, for which they will need to know all of the multiplication tables up to 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. Frequent use of Times Table Rock Stars is highly recommended.

## Recommended Read



'Children who Changed the World' by Marcia Williams. Be inspired by the true stories of children who stood up to make change for the better!



## Rainbow Challenges

**Make a musical instrument**

**Create and build your own Roman colosseum**

**Write a visitor guide to your country**

**When doing your daily exercise, listen to the sounds around you and try to recreate these sounds at home. Challenge: can you experiment with the volume and pitch?**

**Create your own times table poster**

**Create a Roman invasion scene**



## Home Learning

From Friday 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. 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.