

## Important Information

Day	Timings of day	
Monday	8.45am – 3.15pm	Mrs Bothma – all day
Tuesday	8.45am – 3.15pm	Mrs Bothma – morning, Miss Eddershaw - afternoon PE day (come to school in PE kit)
Wednesday	8.45am – 3.15pm	Miss Eddershaw – all day
Thursday	8.45am – 3.15pm	Mrs Bothma – all day
Friday	8.45am – 3.15pm	Mrs Bothma – all day PE day (come to school in PE kit)

## Expectations

### Home Learning

Using their learning logs, all children should be:

- Practicing reading at least 4 times a week using their whole class reading extracts.
- Reading their library book, sharing stories and facts at home and developing their love of books with your help.
- Practicing spelling their statutory spellings and zero tolerance words. We do not have spelling tests but we do teach spelling and focus on children applying these in their writing, which is how we assess their spelling. Reinforcement of their year group words will help your child make progress with this.
- Access Times Tables Rockstars 3 times a week and practice their tables at home.
- Access Bedrock once a week at home, to consolidate what they have been doing in school.

**PE** – This half term, our PE sessions are on a Tuesday and a Friday. Please note that PE uniform is a plain white t-shirt, black or navy shorts/leggings/jogging bottoms, black or navy sweatshirt/fleece and trainers. Coloured clothing must not be worn. Spare PE uniform is available in school if children come in incorrect clothing.

**Communication** – Feel free to catch me at any point on the playground in the morning if there is anything you'd like to chat about. However, I appreciate this is a busy time and some discussions may need to be private. If you'd rather, call or email the office and I will give you a ring back at a suitable time. Don't ever feel as if this is a problem – I am very happy to do this!

## Ways to Help your Child

Please encourage your child to read as much as possible. I have loved hearing the children read so far and it is clear how much of a love they have for reading already. We are having a huge push on reading for pleasure and we strongly believe that there will be a book/genre for every child. If your child is struggling to find reading material to engage them, let me know and we will help. We have changed our learning logs this year to remove the confusion about writing in different half term sections.

Joining the local library is a huge benefit for all children as it opens their possibilities when choosing books. I would highly recommend heading down and signing up if you haven't already as they also hold lots of fun activities throughout the year for children to engage with.

If you would like to practise spellings with your child, please refer to the Year 1 and 2 and the Year 3 and 4 words in the learning log. If they find some of the spellings easy, try asking them to put them into sentences as well. We will be continuing to develop the cursive script with a focus on the size of the letters being appropriate so please use the guide in the learning log to support this.

### What we will be learning this term

<p><b>English</b>  <b>Our class text-</b> Charlotte's Web          The Last Firefox</p> <p><b>Additional texts:</b>          The big book of the UK, The 13 Storey Treehouse (Anthony Griffiths), Sky (Holly Webb), The Invisible (Tom Percival)</p>	<p><b>Maths Concepts covered-</b>          We will use this half term to develop the children's understanding of place value and then begin the addition and subtraction unit.</p> <p><b>Time tables to practise-</b> The Year 3 children are focussing on the 6 times table this half term and the Year 4 children are learning the 7s. As a reminder. The Year 3 children should be confident with 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s and Year 4 children should be confident with 4s, 6s and 8s in addition to these. Please keep practising these at home to support their fluency.</p>
<p><b>Other Curricular areas:</b>          This half term our Science unit is Sound. We will be learning about how we hear sounds, how sounds are made and pitch/volume. We have a fantastic workshop booked which I know the children will really enjoy and benefit a lot from. Our focus scientists this half term are Evelyn Glennie and Isaac Newton.</p> <p>In Geography we are learning about counties in the UK and countries/cities in Europe. Our focus artists in art are Rene Magritte and Vincent Van Gogh. We will be learning skills in light and dark and how to add shading and shadows.</p>	

### Useful Websites

Website	Resources
<a href="http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button">www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button</a>	This is a great game for developing quick recall skills in Maths.
<a href="http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk">www.activelearnprimary.co.uk</a>	As previously, you can find additional books here. If you have any trouble logging on, please let me know.
<a href="https://trockstars.com/">https://trockstars.com/</a>	Your child will have their login in their learning log.
<a href="https://app.bedrocklearning.org/">https://app.bedrocklearning.org/</a>	Your child will have their login in their learning log.
<a href="http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/">www.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/</a>	Free to register with additional books you can enjoy with your child.