



LOWER SCHOOL

Welcome back! We hope that you and your children enjoyed the summer and are looking forward to the year ahead. The children have been bringing in their summer reading records and projects they have completed over the holiday. Well done for all the hard work.

Welcome meetings

Each year group will hold a welcome meeting to you give you the opportunity to meet the teachers and find out more about the year group. These will be held in the school hall. Please come to the main office ready for a prompt start at 2:55pm.

Year 1 - Thursday 14th September at 2:55pm

Year 2 - Tuesday 12th September at 2:55pm

Year 3 - Wednesday 13th September at 2:55pm

Homework



Your child will be set homework on Google Classroom every day. Please support your child completing this work. When the children log into Google Classroom, they will be directed to either EdShed or TT Rockstars for their homework. Your child should have been given the usernames and passwords needed. If your child does not know their login details, please ask their class teacher.

Reading

It is very important that your child reads every day. Please remember to sign your child's book when you have listened to them read. Your child will be able to change their reading book when they can demonstrate that they understand what they have read, this may be only once or twice a week. The children can also take home another book of their choice. Please read this with your child as well.



This half term the children will get to read and listen to lots of different stories. Below are some of the books they will be reading. Please encourage your child to tell you about the stories or read other books by the same author.

Year 1

- The Gingerbread Man
- The Runaway Chapati by Susan Price
- Funnybones by Allan Ahlberg
- Silly Billy by Anthony Browne

Year 2

- Alone in the woods
By Ian Beck
- Augustus and his smile
By Catherine Rayner
- Lost on the beach
By Ian Beck

Year 3

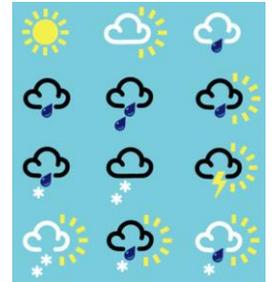
- The owl who was afraid of the dark
- Kassim and the greedy dragon
- How to train your dragon

Year 1

We are really excited to welcome the children into Year 1 and we have an exciting half term planned based around the topic of 'Marvellous Me'.

In Maths, we will be focusing on the place value of numbers up to 10, and we shall be exploring how to add and subtract these numbers. The children will continue their daily RWI phonics lessons, in the same way as they did in Reception.

In Science, we will be learning about the weather, how and plants grow and different types of animals. Our Geography topic is all about our local area of Castlefield and High Wycombe. During Art lessons, the children will create self-portraits in the style of Lichtenstein. Computing lessons will focus on the unit 'Getting Started' and explore how to access and use a computer. In PE, the children will be learning balls skills and gymnastics. The children will have PE on Tuesdays and Fridays.



Year 2

The Year 2 children have made an excellent start to the year and have all come back ready to learn. We have lots of exciting things planned for this half term.

Children will be continuing with their daily RWI phonics lessons until they have completed the programme and they are reading fluently. After they have completed the phonics programme they will have a daily Writing lesson and a daily Reading lesson. This will be explained further during our welcome meeting on Tuesday 12th September. During our Maths lessons we will be focusing on place value and counting, then moving on to addition and subtraction.

Our Science topic this half term is all about materials and their properties. The children will be taking part in lots of experiments to find out about different materials. Our art lessons are based on the Pop Artist Andy Warhol. The children will be creating self-portraits in a Pop Art style. The children will have PE on Tuesdays and Fridays.



Year 3

Welcome to Year 3 and your first year in KS2. This term our topic is the Stone Age. In English, we will be studying warning tales and learning the story Kassim and the Greedy Dragon. In Maths, we will be focusing on place value and addition and subtraction.

The children will be learning how to partition 3-digit numbers and representing numbers in different ways. They will also be learning to add and subtract 3-digit numbers using formal methods. In Art, we will be incorporating Henry Moore's style and sculpting our own creations, using his techniques to create masterpieces. For our Science lessons, the children will be investigating how magnets work and how forces are used to push and pull. In PE, children will be developing their gymnastics and football skills. Children will have PE on a Monday and Wednesday.

