

Dear Families,

Welcome to the Spring Term. We have many exciting topics to explore, and I am very much looking forward to embarking on another term of learning together.

I hope the information below answers any questions you may have; however, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office should you require any further clarification.



### **Routines**

The new PE day for Magpie class will be a Monday afternoon. It is important that your children come to school in their PE kits, with appropriate footwear. As with previous years, the children should wear a t-shirt of their house colour for PE. If this is not possible please can children wear a plain white/light blue t-shirt. Additionally, please could earrings be removed prior to school on PE days. If your child has had their ears pierced in the last 6 weeks and is therefore unable to remove their studs, please ensure you have applied micro-pore tape at home, we will unable to do this at school.

Every Thursday afternoon, Mrs Wernham will cover my PPA time, during this period the children will do Geography and RE.

### **Celebration assembly**

Every Friday, families are invited to join us for Celebration assembly. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to show the amazing learning completed throughout the week. We also celebrate any birthdays and other achievements.

Children who play instruments will also be encouraged to open and close the assemblies.

Our celebrations start at 2:45pm so please do come along if you can!

### **Breakfast club**

Breakfast is run by Premier Sports every morning from 7:45am. The children take part in a range of different activities whilst enjoying breakfast with their peers.

If you would like more information on this please contact Mrs Hull or the school office.

## Day to day

It is vital that all parts of your child's uniform are labelled with their name to minimize the amount of lost uniform that seems to accumulate over the year. Another note on uniform; hoodies are not permitted in school, either as another layer or for PE, therefore a school jumper should be worn instead.

Please can all children have a named water bottle that is with them every day. Every child is actively encouraged to drink plenty to ensure they remain hydrated and water bottles are kept with them in the classroom.

Children in key stage 2 are able to bring their own snacks to enjoy at playtime. Please could these be either fresh fruit or vegetables.

Timetable –2025-2026		Teacher: <u>Miss Houghton</u>		Year Group(s): <u>3/4</u>	
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.40 – 9.00	Handwriting Sentence dictation Phonics	Handwriting Sentence dictation Phonics	Handwriting Sentence dictation Phonics	Handwriting Sentence dictation Phonics	Handwriting Sentence dictation Phonics
9:10 – 10:20	FASE read SPaG, English	FASE read SPaG, English	FASE read SPaG, English	FASE read SPaG, English	FASE read SPaG, English
10:20-10:45	Collective worship				
10.45 – 11:00	Break				
11:00 – 12:15	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths
12.00 – 1:00	Lunch				
1:00 – 2:00	PE	History	Science	Geography	Art
2:00 – 3:00	RE	PSHE	Science	Latin	Celebration assembly
3:00 – 3.20	Class Enrichment Read	Class Enrichment Read	Class Enrichment Read	Class Enrichment Read	Class Enrichment Read

Computing, Music & DT to be blocked as curriculum days during the term.

## Curriculum

There have been a few updates to the Long Term Plan that was shared at the beginning of the year. The revised plan has been emailed to families and is now available on the school website. If you would prefer a paper copy, please do let me know and I will be happy to provide one.

The Spring Term will begin with *The Iliad and The Odyssey* as our FASE read and English focus. FASE read books will now be provided by the school. However, if you have a copy of *The Iliad and The Odyssey* that you would be willing to donate, these would be very gratefully received—please bring them to the school office.

Throughout the year, homework expectations will remain minimal. I am keen for children to develop a genuine passion and enthusiasm for learning, which I believe is best nurtured through reduced pressure. That said, there are two daily tasks that I do expect all children to complete. The first is reading, which may be completed independently or shared with a grown-up or sibling. It would be wonderful if children were encouraged to talk about their book and explore the meanings of any unfamiliar vocabulary. In addition, children are expected to spend at least 5–10 minutes each day on Times Table Rockstars. This regular practice has a significant, positive impact on recall and supports learning across other areas of mathematics.