

Lime Class

Welcome back Lime Class.

We hope you have had a lovely Christmas with your children and a well-deserved rest. May we take this opportunity to thank you for your incredibly generous gifts and wishes.

Below you will find more detail about what your child will be learning this term.

This half term, in **Geography**, as part of our studies of Europe, we will be learning about the human and physical Geography of Italy.

We will be asking the question '**Would we like to live in Italy**' and then answering it through lessons built around this series of smaller questions:

*Whereabouts in the world is Italy?
What are the physical features of Italy?
What are the human features of Italy?
Does Italy have any volcanoes?
What is Italy famous for?
Why do people visit Italy?*

After half term we will focus on **History**, and we will be learning about a well-known ancient civilisation by asking the question '**How did the Roman Empire change Britain**'

Lime Class will continue to be taught **PE** on Thursdays by our super sports coach Matt. he will be teaching netball and tag rugby this term. The children will be able to enjoy a short yoga session in the hall once a week and will also have a dance session with a specialist dance teacher on Mondays. Forest school sessions with Connor will continue on Wednesdays.

In **Science**, year 3 will learn about light followed by rocks and fossils and year 4 will learn about sound, including the human ear, rounded off by a series of revision lessons which will promote retrieval of the Scientific knowledge they have already built up.

In **RE**, we will learning more about Christianity by learning about Easter. Year 3 children will look at the figure of Jesus in more detail and Year 4's will learn about the Jewish festival of Passover.

PSHE units in the Autumn term will be keeping safe and rights and respect.

In **Design and Technology**, we will be learning about mechanical systems with levers and linkages and in **Art** we will look at painting techniques, colours and the work of JW Turner.

In **Computing**, children will learn about early programming skills using the *hour of code* resources and then digital literacy through a unit called 'fake or real'.

In **Music** we will be learning about composing and performing, starting with call and response, Samba and then moving onto rising and falling phrases.

Our **French** units are called 'les saisons and 'l'histoire' and will cover vocabulary related to the four seasons and some elements of British history.

As well as these topics, children will continue to take part in daily **Maths and English** sessions. The children will keep on using a range of different styles of writing, fictional and non-fictional for a variety of purposes and audiences and the writing will be linked to our topics, whenever possible.

Home Learning is set as follows and a notification will be posted on Tapestry to alert parents:

ENGLISH HOME LEARNING

SPAG ~ English Home Learning will focus on reading and spelling, punctuation and grammar (spag.com). Each child will have spag.com log in details and be able to access set activities, exercises and tests. Online Home Learning activities will be set on a Wednesday and should be completed by the following Wednesday.

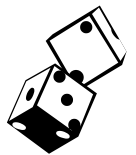
Reading ~ Your child should record their daily reading in their Reading Journal by writing down the title of the book, date and pages read. When your child has finished their reading book, they are expected to write a book review in their Reading Journal. A model/example of what is expected can be found stuck inside the Reading Journal. Whilst we expect the children to become increasingly more independent readers, children should still read to adults at home whenever possible and parents/carers should continue to ask children questions about the text their child is reading (see '**A quick guide to reading in Lime Class**'). Please try to read with your child regularly and add a comment in the Journal if you wish.

Spelling ~ Some spellings to be learnt at home will be set on a Monday and on the following Monday they will have a short dictation/quiz using the week's words. The word list will be available on the class page of the website and on Tapestry.



MATHS HOME LEARNING

Children should regularly practise their times tables and be able to recall these and any related facts at speed. Your child has their own log in details for 'TTRockStars' and will be set weekly challenges to complete online. These are part of their compulsory home learning. The teachers at school can monitor their activity and progress through this platform remotely.



It is expected that Lime class pupils spend 10-15 minutes on TTRockstars every day. We also encourage the use of 'Hit the Button' on www.topmarks.co.uk

This term I will begin to set 20 minute sessions on TTRockstars for the children to complete. The session will begin on Wednesday and close the following Wednesday.

We have also issued each child with maths.co.uk log in details so that they can access quizzes in maths which will be set twice each half term.

All children should now have a Winning with Numbers login. This is a personalized home learning site which offers short teaching videos and follow up questions. It is expected that the children try to make it to the next win by the end of the week. They should not try to move on more than 2 wins per week however.

PE and Forest

The children have PE on Monday and Thursday but it is expected that they come to school dressed in sports clothes and trainers every day as part of our school dress code. Sports activities are available outside for the children in their break and lunch times every day.

Forest is on Wednesday mornings and they will need layered warm clothes with long sleeves, long trousers and wellies. We will provide waterproofs.

We hope you find this information useful. We continue to be excited to work together with you over the coming term to offer your child the very best learning experiences. This term again promises to be a busy one. We thank you in advance for your help in supporting your child so they can achieve their full potential.

Please, do remember to check the school newsletters and the class blog on the school website for fortnightly updates and photos of the children's learning.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Courtman-Stock, Mrs Erdogan and Ms Lane

Lime Class Team