

Lime Class

Welcome back Lime Class.

We hope you have had a lovely Easter break with your families and got to enjoy some sunshine.

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

This half term, in **Geography**, we will be learning all about rivers and the water cycle. We will find out about the physical and human aspects of rivers in the UK and locate some of Britain's major rivers on the map. We will be going on a rivers and lakes discovery day to the Lea valley Country park and hope to be able to get out and about locally to look at the River Ash.

After half term we will focus on **History**, and we will be building on our topic about the Romans in Britain by learning about another group of British invaders and settlers. We will be asking ourselves the question 'were the Vikings vicious and vile or creative and clever?' and investigating evidence to draw our conclusions.

Lime Class will continue to be taught **PE** on Thursdays by our super sports coach Matt and he will be teaching athletics, cricket and tennis this term. The children will also have a gymnastics session in the hall on Friday. Forest school sessions with Connor will continue on Wednesdays.

In **Science**, year 3 will learn about plants then forces and magnets and year 4 will learn about human digestion and teeth.

In **RE**, year three children will return to the Hindu religion to learn about Hindu beliefs and the significance of pilgrimage. Year 4 will learn about rites of passage and good works in the Jewish religion and then they will look again at Christianity to learn more about prayer and worship.

PSHE units in the Autumn term will be 'being my best' and 'growing and changing'.

In **Design and Technology**, we will be learning about food and healthy eating by designing and making our own wraps and in **Art** we will look at modern sculpture through studying the work of Henry Moore.

In **Computing**, children will learn more about early programming skills using 'minecraft' and 'the dancing robot' software.

In **Music** we will be learning about pentatonic ostinato using the track 'I've been to Harlem'. Then we will look at clapping rhythms with the 'chilled out clap rap'!

Our **French** units are about musical instruments and then we will revise greetings, key vocabulary such as colours, numbers and animals and review some French phonics.

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 Thursday and should be completed by the following Thursday.

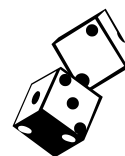
Reading ~ Your child should record their daily reading in their Reading Journal by writing down the title of the book, date and pages read. When your child has finished their reading book, they are expected to write a book review in their Reading Journal. A model/example of what is expected can be found 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 and this is part of their home learning.



It is expected that Lime class pupils spend 10-15 minutes on TTRockstars at least three times a week even if no specific task has been set. The teachers at school can monitor their activity and progress through this platform remotely. We also recommend the use of 'Hit the Button' on www.topmarks.co.uk

During the first half of this term I will set 20 minute sessions on TTRockstars for the **Year 4 children only** to complete using soundcheck (this will support them with their times table check in June). The session will begin on Thursday and close the following Monday.

All children also have a Winning with Numbers login. On Thursday there will be a short lesson at school about a specific 'win' and the children will be expected to complete the 'goal questions' for that win at home as home learning.

Ipads and/or supported sessions will be available at school for any children who struggle to complete this on time.

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 weather appropriate clothing with long sleeves, long trousers and wellies. We will provide waterproofs. We recommend that wellies remain at school if possible.

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 Tapestry and the school newsletters/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