

I hope you have all had a wonderful and enjoyable summer. It has been lovely to welcome the children back into Diamond Class and see how excited they have been to come in, settle back into school and see their friends again.



This year, I will be teaching the class from Monday to Thursday, with Mrs Beckett teaching on Fridays. We are both really looking forward to the year ahead and all the exciting learning and experiences we have planned for the children.

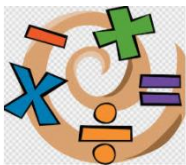
I hope this newsletter provides you with all of the important information you need as we begin the new school year. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to speak to me at the end of the school day, or contact the school office and I will get back to you after school.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are looking forward to a fantastic year in Diamond Class!

Kind Regards, Miss Self.

Curriculum

English – during the autumn term children will be writing formal letters and speeches using the text 'The Princess Blankets' as stimulus. They will then move on to writing fictional narratives using a range of figurative language. During our World War 2 topic, children will use a range of sentence structures to write narratives, dialogue and then recounts.



Maths – Over the next few weeks, all of the children will be consolidating their understanding of place value. They will then move on to the four operations, developing their ability to complete mental and written calculations.

Science – during the first half term our science learning will be based on 'properties of materials', focussing on conductors and insulators, separation and reversible/irreversible changes. After half term, our science topic will be 'forces' focussing on gravity, friction, water resistance and air resistance. Children will have opportunities to plan and carry out investigations during both units.

Geography/History – we will start with a 'Changing World' unit. Children will learn how landscapes change over time and how climate change is impacting our weather and coastlines. After half term, children will learn about World War 2, with a focus on the Battle of Britain and what life was like on the home front. We will also have a trip to Duxford in November (details to follow).



RE – our learning for the first part of the autumn term will be based on Christianity. Children will explore whether Christians believe that Jesus is God incarnate. After half term, we will consider how tawhid creates a sense of belonging to the Muslim community.

Art/DT - will focus on creating 3D Modroc figures, based on the work of Alberto Giacometti. After half term, they will combine DT with Computing to design and make a piece of clothing that uses technology to keep them safe in the dark winter nights.

PSHE – Our PSHE key questions will be ‘How can we keep healthy as we grow?’ Children will be encouraged to consider healthy lifestyle choices, involving food, sleep and exercise. We will learn about the links between mental and physical health and how we can make positive choices to maintain these.

Computing – Computing sessions will begin with Online Safety for the first half of the term, including self-image, online identity, online relationships, managing online information, online reputation, and privacy. After half term, we will move on to using our coding skills combined with our DT skills to create an interactive treasure hunt.

MFL – Our French unit for this term is ‘Ici et la’. Children will learn phrases to describe a range of places, as well as likes and dislikes. We will continue to learn some other basic phrases, colours, numbers and weather descriptions.

PE - In PE this term, the children will have football and fitness with the SCS coaches and netball and dance with Mrs Beckett. These sessions will include developing skills, considering rules and opportunities to challenge and compete.

Children should come into school PE ready. PE kit should be in line with the school policy (see website) No earrings should be worn during PE so please ensure they can be removed. PE days are Tuesday and Friday.

Homework/Reading

- Children will have spellings to learn and practice each week – these will be set on a Friday and tested in class, the following Friday. The children will stick the spellings into their reading diaries.
- All children have now chosen a reading book, which needs to be brought into school each day, along with their reading diary.
- Please could children aim to read at home 4 times per week. All children have a Times Tables Rock Stars login and should aim to complete 20 minutes minimum per week.
- Emile homework will be added each week for children to complete the set tasks.
- Maths, English and topic project homework will be set over the course of the term.
- Login details are stuck in the reading diaries.



Rucksacks/Pencil cases

Children in Year 5 and 6 are permitted to use a rucksack for school. They may also bring in a pencil case from home, containing, pencils, pens, ruler, rubber and highlighters. Please do not send any sharp objects or scissors in with the pencil cases.

