
Widening Horizons, Raising Aspirations

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4, I hope you all had a great half-term.

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day this year on Friday 3rd March. We would like children to come to school in fancy dress as a book character of their choice. There will be prizes awarded per year group for the best homemade fancy dress. We strongly encourage all children put their costumes together using things they already have at home, so that everyone has an equal and fair chance at winning a prize. This year we will also be doing 'Extreme reads' as we have done in previous years. We ask that on World Book Day children bring with them, a picture of them reading in a peculiar place. This has been a great success in previous years and we are looking forward to seeing the different places the children have been reading this year! The Big Book Swap- This year we would like children to bring in a book they are happy to swap with another child. Please ensure this is a book you are happy for your child to part ways with and not something with great sentimental value! On World Book Day children will swap their books and return home with a different book they haven't read.

An Arbor will be sent out shortly regarding parent's evening – Wednesday 22nd March and Thursday 23rd March.

A reminder that snack should be **fruit or vege sticks**.

YEAR 3

In **Year 3**, our learning in English will be based on the beautifully illustrated book of 'How the Stars Came to Be' - a folktale, by Poonam Mistry, on how the stars were made many, many years ago. Following on from this, we will read 'Escape from Pompeii', by Christina Balit. This story, of how two children survive the destruction of the ancient Roman city of Pompeii, links well with our history learning on the rise and fall of the Roman Empire. In maths this term, we will practise and consolidate our understanding of standard written methods for multiplication and division. The children's fluency in these skills is better when they are able to quickly recall times tables facts, so please remember to support them at home by encouraging them to log onto Times Tables Rockstars each week. In science this term, we will learn about magnetic forces and in computing, we will learn how to create branching databases. In this term's RE lessons, we will consider why festivals are

important to religious communities. As part of our 'Healthy Me' topic for RSHE, we will consider the importance of making healthy choices regarding exercise and diet. We will also identify how we feel towards drugs and will learn how to take responsibility for keeping ourselves safe. Our PE days will remain as Mondays and Wednesdays, with a focus on travelling and balancing in gym, as well as passing, movement, catching and competitive games in handball.

YEAR 4

In Term 4, **Year 4** will be focusing their writing lessons around the book 'I Was a Rat', where we will be writing diary entries, newspaper reports and character descriptions. In maths, we are learning about all things fractions, whilst maintaining a heavy focus on times tables in preparation for the Year 4 Multiplication Check.

In Science, we are exploring Habitats and classification of animals and plant life. Our focus for RSHE this term is 'Healthy me', where we will be exploring how to keep both our minds and our bodies healthy. Mr Packer will continue to teach PE on Mondays (handball) and Thursdays we will be indoors for gymnastics. In Geography, we are comparing European countries to our own homes and exploring their similarities and differences. In Art, we will be using our mixing techniques to create different tints and shades in paint to then support our learning of creating depth and dimension in art.

YEAR 5

In **Year 5** our Science topic is Earth and Space. The children will be exploring beyond the Earth, considering where and how it fits into the solar system along with the Sun and our moon, including phases of the moon and seasons. Our Power of Reading book is 'Cosmic - it's one giant leap for all boy-kind' by Frank Cottrell Boyce, a story about an ordinary 12-year-old who has an extraordinary adventure. Using this book for inspiration, the children will be writing character and setting descriptions, informal letters and persuasive leaflets. In maths we will be learning about decimals and percentages, making links with existing understanding of fractions. Spanish lessons recommence each Tuesday with our specialist language teacher. Our PE lessons will be focussed on handball and gymnastics. In history, we will be referring back to our Chatham Dockyard visit as we learn more about its important role in shipbuilding. Portraits will feature in art lessons this term, using and combining a variety of techniques and materials. We will also be learning how to use databases in computing to store and manage information.

YEAR 6

Welcome back to term 4! We are half way through the year already.

We will, in English, continue the novel, 'Goodnight Mr. Tom'. This will include watching the film and making a comparison with the book. Maths continues with our study of algebra - we will also be looking at shape, volume and ratio. We are working very hard on arithmetic skills alongside these topic areas.

We have started our geography unit 'Fairtrade' and have learned what Fairtrade is and which countries it operates.

In PE we will be improving our handball skills; in our other session, we use high apparatus. The children will be starting work on their memory books so any photos of the children at school – individual or class – would be appreciated.

A date for a meeting for parents regarding Kingswood will be sent out ASAP.

P.E.-

PE – Term 4 2022-2023	
Year 3	Monday (Gym) and Wednesday
Year 4	Monday and Thursday (Gym)
Year 5	Monday and Tuesday (Gym)
Year 6	Franklin – Monday and Friday (Gym) Darwin - Tuesday and Friday (Gym)

Yours sincerely

The Junior Team