



UPPER SCHOOL Autumn 2

Welcome back after what I hope has been a refreshing half term break. This half term looks like it is going to be a busy and productive one with lots of great learning and other exciting activities.

The weather is distinctly autumnal now, so please make sure children are coming to school in waterproof coats. Hats and scarves are also welcome additions - please make sure they are named. It would also be useful to have long-legged items for PE such as tracksuit bottoms, as lessons will continue outside throughout this term.

It has been delightful to see the Upper School children bringing in their half term projects they have completed over the holiday. Well done for all the hard work.

Homework

Your child will be set homework on Google Classroom every day. When the children log into Google Classroom, they will be directed to either EdShed or TT Rockstars for their homework. Please support your children in completing these as they provide an important opportunity to practise and embed new learning and can deepen understanding. They also give families a chance to talk about the learning that is taking place in school.

Jewellery and PE

It has come to light that for many of our children they are unable to remove their own earrings. This poses a health and safety risk during PE lessons. We ask that if your child wears earrings that they are removed before school on PE days by parents. If children are coming into school wearing earrings on PE days and are unable to remove themselves, we will be contacting you to come and remove them.

In line with our school uniform, only studded earrings are permitted. Religious jewellery that is integral to religious beliefs are permitted but must be removed or covered for PE and the school is unable to accept any responsibility if damaged or lost. All other jewellery is considered a safety hazard.

Mrs Walker

Year 4

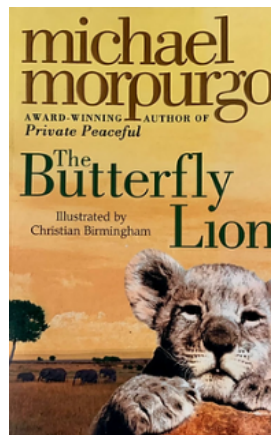
Welcome back after the half term break. The Year 4 team enjoyed seeing all of your holiday homework and the "Get Out and Do" challenge.

As a year group, we will be continuing our high expectations of all the children. As you are aware, children must come into school in full school uniform and have the correct PE kit. Homework must be completed and Reading Journals signed. Those children who do not complete their homework will stay in during breaktime to complete the outstanding task.

Last half term we saw some wonderful progress in Maths. The children demonstrated a secure understanding of place value and can now use formal written methods for addition and subtraction. We do need to practise rounding numbers to the nearest 100 and 1,000. This half term we shall be learning about multiplication, division and perimeter. More time spent on TTRS will help support this learning! The children have really enjoyed the start of our new Writing unit - suspense stories. We shall be using various features to draw the reader in and build tension and suspense. Our Science topic is electricity. The children will be making circuits and learning about the uses and properties of electricity.

For our foundation topics, the children will be learning about the features of Rome in Geography. DT we shall be making and cooking pizzas. We shall also be starting our Spanish for this year - the people around me.

Mr Oakley, Miss McDonnell and Miss Smith



Year 5

A warm welcome to all after what we hope was a restful half term break. It has been lovely to see the homework projects the children have completed and hear how much they enjoyed the outdoor challenge of looking for animal footprints!

This term, our history topic is 'The Vikings' so we are looking forward to learning about how they came to this country, what life was like at the time, and their lasting legacy. Our new story map for our writing lessons is also inspired by the Vikings. It is the well-known legend of Beowulf and it will help us learn how to write our own 'defeating the monster' story.

Our new reading book is the award-winning story 'The Ghost of Thomas Kempe' by Penelope Lively. In Maths, we start with our unit on statistics, which will help us read and interpret tables. We will then move on to learning about factors and multiples and use these to solve problems about area and perimeter.

The children have particularly enjoyed our science topic on properties and changes of materials and we are sure that they will be delighted to hear that there's even more scientific experiments on the way until this unit is completed at the end of this term. We hope that they will also share our enthusiasm for the upcoming DT topic, which is making moving toys using cams, and our introduction to 'The Blues' as our first unit in Music.

A reminder also, that our PE days are Mondays and Wednesdays. This term we are focusing on tag rugby and dance. Please remember to refer to the **uniform policy** and pay particular attention to the section on earrings and other jewellery.

Finally, please continue to ensure that all homework, including reading, English and maths tasks are completed daily and the reading journal is signed.

Mrs Keys, Miss Linnell and Miss Farid



Year 5 Homework Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Weekend
Math Shed	TTRS	Math Shed	TTRS	Math Shed
Spelling Shed	SPAG Shed	Spelling Shed	SPAG Shed	Spelling Shed
Reading (20 mins)	Reading (20 mins)	Reading (20 mins)	Reading (20 mins)	Reading (20 mins)

All homework must be completed on the allocated day. Uncompleted homework will be completed the following day during break or lunchtime.



Year 6

Welcome back after a restful half term break . We have been really impressed with the half term homework the children have produced. They look wonderful!

The children have had a great start to the first half term and have worked hard to produce some really high quality pieces. We thoroughly enjoyed reading their diary entries and were impressed with the language and techniques the children used. They also wrote some lovely discussion texts and it was a pleasure to see them so engaged in our drama activity based on a desert island.

We continue to have extremely high expectations of the children in Year 6 in all areas of school life. Please ensure children are coming into school with a full correct uniform and PE kit including no earrings on PE days. As a reminder, Year 6 takes part in PE on a Tuesday and a Thursday. Next half term, the children will be improving their hockey and dance skills.

Generally, homework is being completed by the majority of children, however a reminder that children need to complete both Times Tables Rockstars for 10 minutes and Ed Shed every night. The children also have a spelling and SPaG assignment to complete 3 times over the week.

This half term the children will be writing a narrative in writing based on a text called 'Kidnapped' and then a newspaper article based on the Battle of Marathon. We look forward to seeing what the children produce. In reading, we will be reading the book, Brightstorm. In maths, we will continue our learning on fractions and then move on to decimals. The children are going to continue their hands-on science learning this half term by investigating light.

We are going to start our history topic this half term with an Ancient Greek Day. The children will be taking part in a variety of different activities to deepen their understanding of this period of time. In DT this half term, the children will be putting their sewing skills to the test to make their own bag, please encourage your children to bring materials in to help them with this (a letter will follow).

Miss Price and Miss Chandler

