



# P6/7 Newsletter

September – December 2020

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are absolutely delighted to welcome your children back to school, after what has been a long and difficult period. Although the classroom layout and routines have changed, the children are already adapting very well to the situation. They seem to be settling and there are lots of smiles all round and are ready for the first term of the school year.

Kind regards,  
Miss Shaw & Mrs Turner

## School Uniform

All pupils are looking extremely smart and presentable in their school uniform, which is wonderful to see. Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name to help avoid loss or confusion.

## Water Bottles

Pupils are encouraged to bring a water bottle every day. Only water should be brought for drinking in class and it is helpful if the bottles are labelled with your child's name. There is a water fountain within the school for pupils to top-up their bottles during the day.

## Homework

Homework will be given out on Mondays via Microsoft Teams. The homework grid will be a PowerPoint clearly explaining the literacy and numeracy tasks to be completed by Friday of that same week. These tasks can be completed in their homework jotter and, if you wish to upload them on Class Notebook, we will give your child feedback by the following Wednesday.

## Social Studies / Science / Health and Wellbeing

In Social Studies, pupils will find out about the legacy of the Roman justice system and crime and punishment through the different historical periods through the IDL topic 'Cops & Robbers'. They will also discuss, and debate issues connected to the justice system.

In Science, pupils will experiment with criminology techniques which replicate methods used by the police force to gather evidence.

In Health & Wellbeing, we will focus on the importance of staying safe in the current environment (for example, handwashing, safe distance) and also on being responsible and respectful as the P7s, especially, take on important roles within our school life this year.

As you will be aware, PE must take place outside. We will aim to do these lessons outside twice a week (We have timetabled these sessions for Wednesday and Friday afternoons. However, the weather conditions might impact our timetable). It is important that the children are equipped with appropriate clothing (for example, warm sweatshirts, outdoor trainers, and waterproof jackets). Our school policy does not allow any football clothing to be worn within school.

## Literacy

### Writing

The focus for this term will be narrative, report and discursive writing, which tie in nicely with the Cops & Robbers topic.

### Reading

Through the class novels, pupils will continue to apply a range of reading skills and strategies to deepen their comprehension of texts. They will focus on responding to literal, inferential and evaluative questions and create different types of questions to show understanding of texts. The Newspapers group is currently reading *The Highwayman's Footsteps*, by Nicola Morgan, the Comics group is currently reading *Santa Maria*, by Kenneth Steven, and the Books group is currently reading *Emily's Surprising Voyage*, by Sue Purkiss.

### Spelling

Pupils will continue to follow the Active Literacy programme, working on phonemes and common words using a variety of strategies. They will also be working on different features of the English language and vocabulary building.

### Listening and Talking

Pupils will show how to value others by including them in the group and by listening to their ideas, sharing information, and discussing issues relating to our learning.

## Numeracy

Pupils will focus on number processes this term, working on place value, ordering number sequences and identifying number patterns. They will also be working on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, using a range of mental strategies for an extended range of numbers. They will learn to select and use the most appropriate strategy to solve a calculation.

Pupils will also be following the Number Talks programme as part of the daily routine in maths lessons. Number talks are brief discussions that focus on student solutions for a single, carefully chosen mental maths problem. Students share their different mental maths processes aloud while the teacher records their thinking.

Their numeracy homework will be set through Sumdog and extension activities will be included in the homework grid. The tasks and targets will be linked to their learning in class. They will also be encouraged to learn and practice their times tables orally at home.