

Aquila and Cygnus Class

We hope you have a lovely break and that your children are ready for a fun and productive half term of learning. As always, please email us via the office if you have any questions or concerns or would like to make an appointment to meet Mrs Sawford, Mrs Flack or Mrs Tranter.

Homework

Your children should now be familiar with our homework grid on Seesaw. It clearly sets out the expectation for home learning and gives the children a chance to be more independent in spreading their work over the week. As always, homework is set on a Monday and must be uploaded to Seesaw by the following Monday – if for any reason the children are unable to upload at home they can ask to use one of the class iPads in the mornings to upload work from their homework books. Both reading and spelling activities should be daily and we encourage this regular practice. The online maths learning and homework grid activity can be completed on any day and should take around 30 minutes. As a reminder we have included the extract from our school policy showing the whole school expectations.

Key stage 2

<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Year 3/4</i>	<i>Year 5/6</i>
Daily	Reading	Minimum 10 mins	Minimum 15 mins
Daily	Spelling	Minimum 5 mins	Minimum 5 mins
Once per week	English/Topic Grids	20-30 minutes	20-30 minutes
Once per week	Maths	20-30 minutes	20-30 minutes

PE

Year 4 PE is on THURSDAY. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit, to avoid the need for the children to change during the school day, in line with our new procedures. Lessons will, where possible, take place outside. As such, please ensure they are wearing the appropriate kit consisting of: jogging bottoms, a sweatshirt, a separate white T shirt and sensible, supportive training shoes.

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Monday 1 st November	Term starts
22 nd – 26 th November	Assessment week
Tuesday 14 th December	Year 4 Christmas Carol concert (2pm-3pm)
Thursday 12 th December	Year 4 Christmas Carol concert (6pm – 7pm)
Thursday 16 th December	Christmas lunch
Friday 17 th December	Last day of term
Tuesday 4 th January	INSET day (children not in school)
Wednesday 5 th January	Term starts (children return)

Earthquakes & Volcanoes



Music: The children will be rehearsing for our Christmas Carol Concert.

English: Year 4 will be stepping into imaginary lands with inspiration from Alice in Wonderland. The children will then create their own story set in a fictional world.

We will also learn instruction writing through creating jam sandwich recipes. The children will be creating invitations to our Mad Hatter's tea party.

Geography

We will be learning about volcanoes & earthquakes, including describing and understanding key aspects of their physical geography.

DT: The children will be designing and creating pop-up books about volcanoes.

Science: We will be learning about the positive and negative human impact on our environment – locally, nationally, and around the world.

MFL: We will continue to learn the days of the week, months of the year, birthdays and exclamations in Spanish.

RE: Judaism: We will be finding out about Creationism.

PSHE: We will explore our own emotions, and learning about the impact bullying has on our, and other's emotions.

PE: Dance – this unit is based around the theme of cold places. The children will improve skills in travelling, jumping, turning, stillness, gesturing and changing shape.

Games – We will develop skills in basketball and netball.

Numeracy: Our focus for this half term will be on mental and written methods for addition and subtraction. We will also be using it in different contexts, such as when measuring and using money.

Computing: We will be investigating the function of hardware, and we will be using an animation programme.