

Aquila and Cygnus Class

The Summer contains lots of exciting prospects, not least our learning for this next half term: A passage to India! As you can see from the curriculum map we have, as ever, a jam-packed five and a half weeks ahead of us. In addition, we also look forward to the return of International Week at school and encourage the children to think about anything they can bring to this celebration of culture and diversity.

HOMEWORK

Homework will continue to be the grid which is posted on Seesaw weekly. It quite 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 now 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 practise. The online maths learning (Maths Whizz) and 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

We will be continuing to have PE on Wednesday. Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit. All kit must be named in order to avoid a large amount of lost property. Children will only be excused from PE on medical grounds if a letter is received from a parent or carer informing us of the reason.

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Tuesday 19th April
Wednesday 20th April
Friday 29th April
Monday 2nd May
Friday 27th May
Friday 27th May
Monday 7th May
Tuesday 8th May
Wednesday 9th May

INSET Day (no children in school)
Children return to school
Cygnus Class Assembly
Bank Holiday – School Closed
Break the Rules Day – details to follow
Half Term begins
INSET Day (no children in school)
INSET Day (no children in school)
Children return to school

Year 4

Maths

This half term we will be continuing our work on decimals, and will be moving on to money and time.

Computing

This half term we will be using the Purple Mash programme to write for different audiences.

PE

This term the children will complete a unit of Outdoor Adventurous Activity. We will also be working on our athletics units: sprinting and throwing skills.

PSHE

Drug Education – this unit supports previous learning on knowledge and awareness and provides opportunities to practise skills relating to healthy behaviours.

Geography

Linked with our English learning, our focus for the last two weeks of the half term will be on the Indian village of Chembakolli. We will explore their traditions and way of life and making comparisons with our own.



Science

Our science learning will be based on electrical circuits. The children will learn about common appliances that run on electricity, they will construct a simple series electrical circuit and will be able to identify and name its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs, switches and buzzers.

English

Our learning in English will be closely linked with our geography topic of India. We will be writing an innovated version of a short story the text 'Seasons of Splendour' by Madhur Jaffrey.

Music

We will be listening and learning about Indian Music and creating our own piece of music using instruments and our own voices.

RE

The children will learning about Buddhism and using the story of Siddhartha and the Swan to deepen their understanding of Buddhism.

Art

Art will be linked to our India topic and will include looking at the significance of colour in Indian art, including rangoli patterns, and learning about the artist George Seurat.

MFL

Continuing to learn Spanish, the children will be learning names of shapes, animals and body parts.