

April 2026



Dear Parents/Carers,

Greetings and salutations from the Cardinals Team! We hope you all had a pleasant break and are ready for another busy and fun-packed term. Hopefully the summer weather will look favourably upon us and it will be blue, sunny skies from hereon in.

Summer Term Learning

In **English**, we will start the term by focusing on writing persuasive letters, taking inspiration from the fantastic series of books *Clean Up!*, *Look Up!* and *Speak Up!* written by Nathan Bryon & illustrated by Dapo Adeola. We will then move on to informative writing, using the non-fiction texts, *Wolf in the Snow* and *A Year Full of Celebrations and Festivals from Around the World*. The term will then conclude with a further exploration of writing to entertain using Ted Hughes, *The Iron Man* and a selection of poetry from *Poems Aloud; Smile Out Loud*.

In **maths**, we will continue to consolidate and build on our prior learning, exploring strategies for all four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) including how to apply these to Fractions, Measurement and Geometry. We will also think about how these skills can be practically applied to real life situations and to solve complex multi-step word problems.

In **science**, we are learning about animals including humans, covering everything from the makeup of the skeletal system; identifying that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement, to the nutritional requirements to ensure health growth and development.

Our **history** topic is The Ancient Egyptians, allowing us to step back in time some 5000 years, to explore this fascinating, innovative and technologically advance civilisation, whose legacy is still very much a part of our modern society from their knowledge of the stars, to the ground-breaking construction and agricultural techniques which they employed.

Moving into Summer 2, **in geography**, we will be looking at Megacities and conducting an investigation to support and develop their understanding of the important geographical concepts of settlement and urbanisation through the study of the world's megacities (cities with a population of over 10 million). This is very important because globally over half of the world's population now live in towns and cities – in the United Kingdom this figure has reached 80 per cent.

In **computing** this term, we will be creating a range of different media using a selection of desktop publishing apps/software, to ensure that the children are well equipped to produce their own written, visual audio projects, something which will serve them very well in their future learning. We will then look at how to create our own programmes to accomplish different sequences and actions.

In **French** we will be learning how to say the names of fruits, including how to express those which we like and how to ask for them in a range of different situations.

PE sessions will continue to be taught on **Monday** and **Thursday** – the children will be focussing on athletics and golf. Children will need to come to school in their PE Kits on these days and will remain in them, so will not need uniform to change into. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit so they can participate and don't forget to include sun hats and to apply sun cream as the temperatures begin to rise.

We will be following the Jigsaw scheme of work for Personal, Social and Health Education (**PSHE**). This begins by looking at 'Relationships', exploring the relationships we have and how we can ensure these are positive and successful. In Summer 2, we will move on to the topic of 'Changing Me', thinking about how we start to change as we grow and the importance of keeping ourselves clean and hygienic.

PPA

Weekly planning time will be covered by Mr Stevenson-Leigh, who will be teaching the children PE on a Monday and Mrs Campbell-Pugh will also be working with the children on their new termly Art project.

Trip

We are also in the process of organising a fantastic trip this term to further enhance, enrich and support the children's learning - details to follow soon!

Home Learning

Homework is an essential part of the children's personal and independent development, allowing them to consolidate their learning and practise new concepts. This will be sent out on Friday and is due the following Wednesday each week. We believe that fostering a love of reading for pleasure is a vital life skill and so they should also be reading for at least 10 minutes each day, which can be recorded in their orange Reading Records, completion of which will help them to reach their Reading Champion status!

Maths Magicians

There are a number of key mathematical facts that children should know and remember. These are, of course, taught in school but it is essential that children

practise them at home too. Children will be quizzed on their maths facts every Friday. As they progress through the different stages of facts, children have the opportunity to earn rewards and work towards becoming Maths Magicians!

We are greatly looking forward to all of the truly exciting learning opportunities which we will get to share this term and can't wait to see how the children embrace these challenges in their final term in Year 3!

A huge thank you to all of you for your continued support and do keep an eye in the website and Facebook page for a selection of photos and updates as the term progresses.

All the best!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MSP', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Mr Sullivan-Pond