

April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

A big welcome to our new parents and a big welcome back to our current parents. We are so excited for the year ahead. With a range of different year groups below will outline what the different groups of children will be learning about but we will send out individual time tables with what your child will be accessing so it is clear for you. Furthermore, we do post weekly on Tapestry to display your children's amazing learning!



### PE days

This year we are lucky enough to have a Hub PE slot on a Thursday morning. Year 6 will also have swimming on a Thursday afternoon and PE on a Monday. Year 3 and 4 will have an additional PE lesson on a Monday.

### Reading

Our library slot this year will be on a Thursday. The children will be able to bring home a 'sharing book' in addition to their 'practice book'. The library book is designed to be a book they can share and read a long with you at home to encourage a love for reading. Their practice book will also be changed with an adult every week. In the coming weeks we will be bench marking the children so they will come home with a practice book as well to develop their reading ability. The ideal would be for the children to read 10 minutes with you or independently everyday however, we know many of our children struggle with this so understand it is not always possible. We aim to read with all of the children 3 times per week in school to ease the pressure at home and give them the opportunity to access the 'Give me 10' prizes in celebration assembly.

### Maths magicians

According to the children's ability, each week they will have 20 (ish!) questions to answer about a topic they have previously learnt to help them to secure key knowledge to build upon in maths lessons. We will send home some ways that you can support and practice with your child at home as well.

### Home learning

We will set a few activities of home learning on a Friday to be due in for the following Wednesday. Their home learning will be based on either their EHCP targets or something we have been learning in class. We try to set home learning that they can complete the tasks relatively independently to consolidate their learning and encourage independent learning skills.

### Grouping in the Hub

As a result of having so many wonderful age groups and abilities within the hub, we group the children based on their ability to ensure that their needs are met and they are given the appropriate support to achieve their targets. The groups this year for Maths and English will be as follows:

Group 1: Malachy, William and Oliver

Group 2: Emilia, Zayn, Leah, Abel and Lexi (for Maths).

Group 3: Rafay, Xander, Theo and Nandi

## English

The first text we will be studying this half term is 'Arthur and the Golden Rope'. Group 1 will be focusing on writing in the past tense, using expanded noun phrases and writing in a sequence. Group 2 will be using fronted adverbials, building cohesion within paragraphs and using expanded noun phrases with prepositions. Group 3 will be working on writing sentences using colourful semantics, sequencing narratives, and using phonics to support their spelling. We will be using all of these skills to develop our ability to write a narrative.

Our second topic of the half term will be poetry; we will be looking at a range of poems from our book corner. Group 1 will be focusing on using their senses in description, alliteration and simple sentences, group 2 will be learning to use personification, metaphors, onomatopoeia and language choices to create mood, group 3 will be learning all about using rhyming words, and constructing sentences. The children will be using these skills in writing their own poems.

## Maths

Our first topic this half term is place value. Group 1 will be comparing and ordering numbers beyond 1,000, representing numbers in different ways and finding 1,000 more and less than a given number. Group 2 will be counting backwards and forwards in powers of 10, rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000. Group 3 will be identifying tens and ones, they will be representing the different numbers using manipulatives and they will begin using < > and = to compare numbers. Our second topic is addition and subtraction. Group 1 will be learning how to use formal written methods for addition and subtraction and beginning to regroup within these addition and subtraction questions.

## History

In the Hub, we will be learning all about the Stone Age. We will be learning all about how people lived, what artefacts are and how they help us learn about the Stone Age, and answering the question 'How did ancient Britons lives change during the Stone Age?'

Year 4 will be learning all about the Romans and they will be answering the question 'How did the arrival of the Romans change our lives?'

Year 5 will be learning all about the Maya and answering the question 'Why did the Ancient Maya change the way they lived?'

Year 6 will be learning all about World War 2 and answering the question 'Why was winning the battle of Britain so important?'