

January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and happy New Year! What an amazing first term we had with all of the children. Thank you so much for all of your continued support. Below we have outlined what the children will be learning in each of their lessons. With a range of year groups we have tried to make it as easy to follow as possible however please do ask if you have any questions. You can also check tapestry for regular updates.



PE days

Hub PE slot on a Thursday morning.

Year 3 and 4 will have an additional PE lesson on a Monday.

Year 5 will have swimming on Thursday afternoon.

Year 6 will have PE on a Monday morning.

Reading

Our library slot is 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. 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:

For Maths:

Group 1: William Oliver and Leo

Group 2: Emilia, Zayn, Leah, Abel and Lexi

Group 3: Xander, Theo, Nandi and Malachy

For writing:

Group 1: William, Abel, Malachy and Leo

Group 2: Emilia, Leah and Abel

Group 3: Theo, Xander, Oliver and Nandi

English

The first text we will be studying this half term is 'Incredible Jobs you have probably never heard of!'. Groups 1 and 2 will be producing a non-chronological report talking about a topic of their choice. The children will be learning to write using commas to create a list, use subordinating conjunctions and thinking about how they can explain their knowledge to a reader. Group 3 will be looking at different jobs, writing about what those jobs are, and then thinking what job they would like to do in the future.

Our second topic will be writing a personal narrative. We will be thinking about narratives rooted in facts and that tell the story of a person's life with the children aiming to write their own stories by the end of the unit.

Maths

Group 1 are starting the term with mental addition and subtraction strategies. They will be thinking about ways they can simplify problems in their head and answer questions without using column method.

Group 2 are learning about multiplication and using strategies to unpick more complex questions to support them in their problem solving.

Group 3 have a mixture of learning about shape and ordering numbers on a number line.

History

In the Hub, we will be learning about 1960s and comparing the 1960s toys to the toys we have. We will be thinking like historians and learning about why and how historians divide-up time into decades.

Year 4 will be studying the Anglo Saxons in their mainstream classroom and discovering who the Anglo-Saxons were and how do we know what was important to them?

Year 5 and 6, will be learning all about the Shang Dynasty this half term and asking what the hierarchy in the Dynasty reminds them of. This half term year 5 and 6 will be working together in the Hub on their history to provide them the skills and support to access lessons in the mainstream with more ease.

Science

In the Hub, we will be learning all about plants. We will be looking at different parts of a plant and what they need in order to grow.

In year 3 mainstream, the children will be learning about forces and magnets.

In year 4 mainstream, the children will be learning all about sound. How does it make noise and how do we hear it?

Year 5 will be studying space, they will be learning about the solar system, the moon phases and creating models of the solar system.

Year 6 are learning all about light- they will think about how light travels, how humans see light and how shadows are formed.

RE

Year 3 and 4 will be answering the question does praying at regular intervals everyday help a Muslim in his/her everyday life? They will be thinking about commitment and how people can show their commitment.

Year 5 and 6 will be working together in the Hub and answering the question, through the lens of Christianity, is anything eternal? They will be giving their own opinions and experiences as well as learning what a Christian person might think.

We are looking forward to another successful term.

All the best,

Team Tortoiseshells