

April 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely restful 2 weeks off and have made the most of having your lovely children at home. We are so excited for the new term and can't believe it is already the summer term! This term will be very busy (particularly for our year 6s!) so we will make sure you are all updated with dates and times on tapestry as well as in the school's weekly newsletter.



### PE days

Hub PE slot on a Tuesday morning. We have the opportunity to access some brilliant cricket lessons again this year.

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

Year 4 will have swimming on Thursday afternoon.

Year 5 will have a PE slot on a Thursday afternoon with an optional Thursday morning as well.

Year 6 will have PE on a Monday morning and a Thursday afternoon.

### 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.

### English

The first text that we are learning about next half term will be a range of poetry. The children will be producing poetry ready to share at our sharing assembly on April 30<sup>th</sup>! They will be looking at developing their ability to describe, thinking carefully about word choices, learning about what rhyming words are and how we can use them.

We will then move on to persuasive writing. We will be thinking carefully about our audiences and how we can persuade them carefully to listen to us. We will then turn these into speeches which we will perform to our friends in the Hub.

Foundation subjects and maths

To make this letter as easy to understand as possible and with a number of different timetables and lessons! I have attached a crib sheet which explains what your child will be learning this half term as I hope that will be easier to follow and understand so you can best support your child at home with their learning!

All the best,  
Team Tortoiseshells