

I hope that everybody had a lovely summer. I am delighted to welcome the children back to school and to see them return well-rested, happy and ready for the year ahead. They have made a wonderful start to the new term and are already demonstrating our school values both in and out of the classroom.

I am looking forward to a fantastic year ahead and to seeing the children continue to learn, grow and thrive. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions.

Thank you, Miss Dourmough

ENGLISH



We will be starting the term with our whole-school topic. We will begin our learning by watching an interactive video, which will encourage discussion and allow the children to share their ideas and responses. Following this, the children will write a diary entry, developing their understanding of characters, emotions and events.

We will then move on to our focus book, *The Lost Happy Endings* by Carol Ann Duffy and Jane Ray. Through this engaging fairy tale, the children will explore character description and develop their narrative writing skills. They will focus on using expanded noun phrases, descriptive language and accurate sentence structure to create detailed and engaging pieces of writing.

SCIENCE



We will be studying electricity. We will experiment with building our own circuits to understand the component parts. Then, we will make our own switches to investigate how they impact on the circuit. Finally, we will explore different materials to discover whether they are electrical conductors or insulators.

RE



This term, we will be studying Hinduism, beginning by exploring Hindu life and beliefs about creation. We will learn about key aspects of the religion, including worship, and consider how Hindu beliefs influence daily life and the choices people make.

MATHS



We will explore 3 and 4-digit numbers and how they are represented and manipulated. After, we will begin addition and subtraction topics; we will review learning from Year 3, before applying our skills to larger numbers. Throughout the year, we will be learning all our times tables ahead of the Multiplication Checker in June – practice at home will help us feel even more confident.

HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY



In history, we will be learning about the Romans. We will explore reasons for invasion of Britain and their overall success, as well as the diversity in Roman Britain, including Emperor Septimius Severus. In geography, we will be starting our whole-year Antarctica and Arctic topic, exploring the geographical locations and climates of the Polar Regions.

CLASS NOTICES



Key Class

- **Forest School:** Alternate Wednesdays. First session: Wednesday 17th.
- **PE:** Tuesdays and Fridays. Please bring a full PE kit (black/blue bottoms, white T-shirt and trainers/plimsolls).
- **Home learning:** Sent home Fridays and due back the following Wednesday. Daily reading, times tables practice and weekly spellings.
- **Reminders:** Please bring a water bottle each day and, as the weather gets colder, keep a coat in school. Please label all belongings.