

Y6 Autumn 2 Newsletter

At- tendance

Regular attendance is essential to ensure uninterrupted progress and to enable children to exceed their potential. We actively involve the children in achieving this by holding weekly assemblies with a reward for each class who has 100% attendance. Certificates are awarded termly and yearly for all children who achieve 100%. With these rewards in place, the children wholeheartedly strive to be part of the winning class and the support of each other is a pleasure to see; please support your child and ensure they are regular attenders.

Good attendance is important because: your child needs to be in the academy to be able to learn and achieve; lessons are taught in a sequence and it can be difficult to catch up if a lesson is missed; children need to have relationships with others and to form lasting friendships; it develops a child's confidence to attempt new work and to work alongside others.



Pupil Reward Points

Being in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing!

The reward scheme allows children to earn points for showing 'Green Behaviour' which may consist of trying hard in their work, being courteous and polite (possibly holding a door open), showing respect to others, arriving at school in time for registration and having the correct uniform. Children also earn 5 points if they are picked to celebrate their work in the Thursday 'Star of the Week' assembly. Children additionally earn points through job roles - the wage of points is preparing children for their later life. Children save points and spend them at the academy swap shop. We will keep you updated as to who the current leaders are.



Writing and Reading

The Lions and Tigers will be using a range of stimuli to support their learning. In writing we are using a variety of genres, chosen by the children, for their analysis day. During the week they are learning how to modify and improve their writing through a series of different tasks.

Extended Writing each Tuesday allows the children to produce an independent piece of extended writing, to 'show off' what they know and have learnt.

There is **an additional** 30 minutes allocated to spelling, grammar and punctuation strategies 4 times a week followed by a Friday spelling test. We also have a daily whole class reading session in which children do a range of activities such as focused work with the teacher and comprehension. In the afternoon we have additional guided reading sessions to improve each child's understanding and experience of answering SATs style questions.

In Year 6 we allow the children to develop their independence and read a range of books, which they can borrow from school on a sign out and return basis. It is their responsibility to read daily and ensure that they are reading books that will develop their vocabulary. In Year 6 we allow the children to record for themselves when they have read but we would appreciate a comment from parents at least once a week to encourage the children in this endeavour. Teachers will check that all children have read at least 4 times a week as this is required for them to be a Leading Learner.

This term the whole class read is based on *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* by John Boyne. We are trying to develop understanding of more complex questions and understand how to answer these.

Blogging forms an important part of our learning and we are keen for all children to share their ideas via the blog both at home and in school on a regular basis.

Maths

We have daily Maths sessions. The Tigers and Lions are following the rest of the school by using 'Same Day Intervention'. This is where the children work together to understand the knowledge, answer 5 questions, 3 of which are aimed at national standard and 2 are developing their reasoning. After this and dependent on their success, the children are given a way forward. This is either a 'Same Day Intervention' (which is used to address any misconceptions) or a 'Silver task' (which requires more reasoning). If the child has shown in-depth knowledge throughout the session they will be further challenged with a 'Gold task' which extends their problem solving skills.

Each day the children complete eight arithmetic questions to help develop their speed and fluency in all areas.

We also have weekly arithmetic papers on a Friday to test our mental maths knowledge so we recommend plenty of times tables practise while at home.

Maths Homework- All years are expected to bring in maths homework by the following Thursday. It is each child's responsibility to collect, complete and return this. An example of how to complete the homework is on the first page of their homework book.

Times Tables Rock stars - Children have been given a login for this site to help them improve their fluency in times tables .

Reading

To promote *reading for pleasure*, we have reinstated Bug Club! Bug Club is a fantastic online resource that allows reading to be interactive and exciting. It takes children on a personalised reading journey where the only limits are their imaginations. Not only does it allow children to read a range of books online, but it also delivers comprehension style questioning to promote children's understanding of the books that they have read. All children should have been provided with usernames and passwords for the website. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you require another copy.



All children have also been given a login for readtheory.org where they can work at their own pace and level to develop their reading skills.

Boosters: Each year we give the children extra support by providing booster classes. This is help the children gain confidence to tackle SATs tests later in the year. This term we will be inviting children in small groups to attend. All children will have the opportunity to attend these sessions however, in order to keep the sessions focussed teachers will take small groups. Please stay tuned for your child's invitation. Once invited children will need to attend these sessions in order to take part in the reward trip at the end of the year.

If you attend boosters in a morning and your child requires breakfast you will need to pay £1 unless they are free school meals.

P.E. / Sport



PE

The Lions are focusing on ball skills. Tigers will be developing their team work in attacking and defending. We are occasionally taking part in completing the bleep test to help improve fitness levels.

Any children who have their ears pierced **must** have them covered or removed for PE. Please send your child with something for them to cover their ears with e.g. medical tape or plasters.

Outdoor PE shoes are essential for the safety of your child.

Tigers - Wednesday (Outdoor)

Lions – Wednesday (Indoor)

Homework

Homework will be set each week.

It will consist of:

- Maths: this goes out on a Friday and is to be completed by the following Friday.
- Spellings to be practised in preparation for a weekly spelling test every Friday.
- Reading: each child will have their own reading book, which they will need to practise at home. Children are required to read 4 x a week at home.

Ensuring this is completed every week, children will be rewarded with a reward trip at the end of the term!

Our topic this term is 'Were the Vikings Vicious?'

In this, the children will be exploring the wider curriculum. This provides them with the opportunity to experience a wider range of engaging foundation subjects.

We will primarily focus on History, the children will develop their historical knowledge and develop understanding of why some of the events happened. Additionally, they will produce an assessed art piece which looks to develop their artistic skills further. We will be taking part in a week of art where children will use a range of skills and materials.

Please feel free to bring in any relevant resources that you feel may be beneficial to our topic!



Remember to keep up to date with us!

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The children love having replies and retweets on our twitter accounts. A huge thank you to all of the families and friends that have followed us! Please continue to encourage our children by replying and commenting on our tweets.

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**We will be continuing
our school Tuck Shop.
Held daily
every breaktime.**

