



Diamond Class



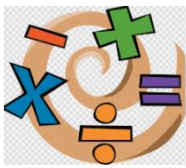
Welcome back! I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer. It has been wonderful to welcome the children into the class and see how excited they were to come in and see each other.



There have been a few changes in Diamond Class since the summer term and I hope this newsletter outlines the important information. If you do have any questions or concerns, please speak to me at the end of the day or contact the office and I will call you back after school.
Kind Regards, Miss Self.

Curriculum

English - during the autumn term children will be writing formal letters and speeches using the text 'The Princess Blankets' as stimulus. They will then move on to writing fictional narratives using a range of figurative language. During our World War 2 topic, children will use a range of sentence structures to write narratives, dialogue and then recounts.



Maths - Over the next few weeks, all of the children will be consolidating their understanding of place value. They will then move on to the four operations, developing their ability to complete mental and written calculations.

Science - during the first half term our science learning will be based on 'properties of materials', focussing on conductors and insulators, separation and reversible/irreversible changes. After half term, our science topic will be 'forces' focussing on gravity, friction, water resistance and air resistance. Children will have opportunities to plan and carry out investigations during both units.

Geography/History - we will start with a 'Changing World' unit. Children will learn how landscapes change over time and how climate change is impacting our weather and coastlines. After half term, children will learn about World War 2, with a focus on the Battle of Britain and what life was like on the home front. We will also have a trip to Duxford in November (details to follow).



RE - our learning for the autumn term will be based on Christianity. Children will explore whether Christians believe that Jesus is God incarnate. After half term, we will consider how tawhid creates a sense of belonging to the Muslim community.

Art/DT - will focus on creating 3D Modroc figures, based on the work of Alberto Giacometti. After half term, they will combine DT with Computing to design and make a piece of clothing that uses technology to keep them safe in the dark winter nights.

PSHE - Our PSHE key questions will be 'How can we keep healthy as we grow?' Children will be encouraged to consider healthy lifestyle choices, involving food, sleep and exercise. We will learn about the links between mental and physical health and how we can make positive choices to maintain these.

Computing - During the first half term, Mrs Beckett will be teaching the children about E-Safety. They will improve their knowledge of the risks to their online lives. After half term, children will link their learning to our DT unit to make a piece of wearable technology to keep them safe when out in the dark!

MFL - Our French unit for this term is 'des animaux au zoo'. Children will learn phrases to describe a range of zoo animals and will revise colours along with some common questions and answers.

PE - PE will be taught by Mrs Beckett on Tuesdays and Fridays. This half term, children will be playing invasion games - particularly netball and football. After half term it will be 'dance and fitness'. Some of these lessons will be inspired by music from the 1940's and 1950's to link with our WW2 topic.

Children should come into school PE ready. PE kit should be in line with the school policy (see website) No earrings should be worn during PE so please ensure they can be removed.

Homework/Reading

Children will have spellings to learn and practice each week - these will be set on a Monday and tested in class, the following Monday.

All children have now chosen a reading book, which needs to be brought into school each day, along with their reading diary.



Please could children aim to read at home 4 times per week and have their **diary signed by an adult**. All children have a Times Tables Rock Stars login and should aim to complete 20 minutes minimum per week.

Maths, English and topic project homework will be set over the course of the term.

Rucksacks/Pencil cases



Children in Year 5 and 6 are permitted to use a rucksack for school. They may also bring in a pencil case from home, containing, pencils, pens, ruler, rubber and highlighters. Please do not send any sharp objects or scissors in with the pencil cases.

