



IMPORTANT DATES:

September

Monday 9th, 3.30—Girls Football club starts (for 6 weeks)

Wednesday 11th, 3.20—5.15—Mr Skingsly's leading sporting activities at Night Owls starts

Thursday 12th, 3.30—Boys Football club starts (for 4 weeks)

Friday 13th, 3.20—5.15—Mr Skingsly's leading sporting activities at Night Owls starts

Friday 13th—Roald Dahl Day

Thursday 19th—Open Day

Friday 20th—Genes for Jeans day

Tuesday 24th—Kentwell Hall visit for all KS2 pupils

Wednesday 25th—Book Fair arrives

Friday 27th—World's Biggest Coffee Morning

October

Thursday—Open Day

Tuesday 8th—1.15– 3.45 Boys Football Tournament at Whitton Sports Centre

Tuesday 15th—1.15– 3.45 Girls Football Tournament at Whitton Sports Centre

Monday 21st, 2pm—Harvest Festival

Thursday 24th—Open Day

Thursday 24th, 2.50pm—Show 'n' Share

Friday 25th—School Disco

W/B 28th—Half term

November

Monday 4th—PD day

Thursday 7th—Open Day

Thursday 7th, 4.00—5.30—skiing starts (for 4 weeks)

W/B 11th—Parent Consultations

Monday 11th & Tuesday 12th—Bikeability for pupils in Year 5

Thursday 14th, 2.50pm—Grebes Class Assembly

Thursday 21st—World Philosophy Day

Thursday 28th, 2.50pm—Kingfishers Class Assembly

December Thursday 5th, 2.50pm—Puffins Class Assembly

September 2024



Message from the Head teacher

Dear Parents and Pupils,

Welcome to our first newsletter of the 2024/25 school year. We hope you all had a lovely summer break. It was good to see all the children back in school this week, looking so smart and ready to learn.

Unfortunately, I was informed at the end of August that despite there still being lots of late applications and Reception pupils needing school places, none have been allocated to Tattingstone. However, we are delighted to welcome 8 new pupils and their parents to the school; if you have any questions please ask, everyone is more than happy to help.

We were delighted with the results of the Parental Questionnaire issued at the end of the summer term. 100% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed positively with every question which is fantastic, especially the comments that parents would recommend this school to another parent—we were overjoyed!! Thank you to all those who responded.

Our Early Birds club continues to run from 7.45am until 8.45 every morning for just £3.20 and Night Owls after school but please remember to book in advance (2 weeks if you need your child to stay until 6pm). To book a place at Night Owls or Early Birds please go onto ParentMail or speak to Mrs Bartlett in the office.

PE kits should be in school everyday. Although there are set times for PE sometimes this changes or there are additional PE sessions.

Mr Skingsly will be one of the Night Owls leaders on Wednesdays and Fridays for this term. He will be leading a number of sporting activities and is happy to be guided by the pupils attending the club. As an incentive, we will be offering parents 7 weeks for the price of 6 for those parents who book for the whole half term—look out for the letter coming home soon!

Teachers are not available to speak to parents first thing in the morning. Mrs Young, Mrs Roberts or myself will pass on information if it is brief; appointments can be made for after school via the school office for more in-depth discussions; information can also be passed on in home/school diaries or via the school admin email address.

There is a 5 minute window for dropping pupils off in the morning. The school is not responsible for pupils left at the front of the school before 8.45. Gates are open from 8.45 (not before this even on wet days as we have to be sure teachers are in their classrooms ready for the children to arrive) and the gates are locked at 8.50am; any child entering school after this time must access school by the office and will be recorded in the register as late.

We are holding 4 Open Days this term. Our banners will be going up soon, and we have posters and flyers to put up and distribute; if anyone would be able to take a poster or 2 to display, or some flyers to share with friends or work colleagues, please let Mrs Bartlett know - the wider we can spread the word the better!

You will notice there is no Home-Learning on any of the class pages this term. Our approach to Home-learning (or Homework as it was previously called) was reviewed with parents and pupils several years ago and does not reflect our current school population. Therefore I will be consulting parents later this term for your views.

I look forward to seeing you all in the mornings as I welcome the children into school. Please speak with me if there is anything you would like to know or discuss.

Kind regards

Mrs Beverley Derrett

"From Small Wonders to Shining Lights"

TATTINGSTONE

Church of England Primary
School



Thursdays:

**19th September, 3rd October,
24th October and 7th November**



'We can do all things through Him who strengthens us,' adapted from Philippians 4:13



Puffins

Our Learning this Half Term

Puffins Class Parent Newsletter Autumn (1) 2024

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to all our Puffins and their families. I hope you all had a lovely summer break and the children got to relax and enjoy themselves doing whatever makes them happy. The children have settled brilliantly into school after the long summer holiday. Our classroom has completely changed around and is a very engaging KS1 environment to learn in. Next week the children will be able to start taking part in our Rainbow challenges which are extension / challenge activities for them to complete. The children are very much looking forward to these starting.

Don't forget you can always catch me at the end of the day if you need to. If you need a message passed onto me in the morning that you haven't written in your child's reading diary then please either speak to a member of staff on the school gate or Mrs Bartlett in the school office.

Mrs Cocksedge

Our Learning this Half Term

Maths

In Maths our learning will be based on Place Value & Addition and Subtraction.

English

Our learning in English will be centred around the story 'The Secret Sky Garden' by Linda Sarah. Our writing will be descriptive and include information about both the characters and the setting. We will also be learning about what is included in an explanation text. Our next book will be 'Look Up' by Nathan Byron and Dapo Adeola. This unit includes narrative, rhyming poem writing and using inference skills.

Foundation Subjects

We are also going to be learning about the following :-

Science—Seasons

Computing— Algorithms and Debugging

DT—Moving Storybook

R.E— Christianity: Baptism / Church

PSHE—Family & Relationships

Music—Keeping the Pulse

Art—Make a mark

Geography— What is it like here?



Puffins

Useful Ways to Share Learning at Home

- * Read with your child on a regular basis.
- * Number and Letter formation
- * Work with us on any of the areas within 'Our learning section' above that you think your child may need extra support on.

On-going Learning for the Term for Puffins

Spellings	Read Write Inc or SPAG
Handwriting	Regular Reading
Rainbow challenges	Cross-Curricular Activities

Key Dates and routines to Remember

Wednesday and Friday – P.E – P.E kits do need to be in school at all times.

Show & Tell will continue to take place this year but not on a set day just as an when your child might have something to share. Children can bring in something linked to what we are learning about or maybe something they have achieved outside of school i.e. medal / certificate once a week.

No toys or cuddlies would be appreciated.



Kingfishers

Kingfishers

Our Learning this Half Term

Kingfishers Class Parent Newsletter Autumn (1) 2024

Dear Parents,

It is lovely to see all of the Kingfishers back in class, with their positive attitudes and readiness to learn. We have a busy half term ahead which kicks off with our topic on The Tudors. We will be looking at what life was like in Tudor England in our History lessons, painting some Tudor portraits of ourselves and studying the book *The Queen's Token*.

Next half term, we will be moving onto a more wintery theme with the book *The Ice Palace* as well as learning about what life is like living in the Alps.

Below is the summary of what we will be covering this half term in each subject.

Our Learning summary

English Whilst studying *The Queen's Token*, we will be focusing on descriptive writing, how characters emotions are portrayed and diary writing.

Maths We start off with looking at place value, including numbers up to 10,000 and move on to addition and subtraction including carrying. We will keep working on times tables too.

Science Living things and their habitats—we will be finding out about the classification system and the characteristics that all living things have/do.

History Tudors including Tudor life, portraits and job roles.

Art Self portraits and paint mixing.

Computing We are working on programming with different software including looking at the different coding that we need and how to debug when errors occur.

RE We are studying Christianity this half term, covering why we the Gospel is such good news for Christians.

Useful Ways to Share Learning at Home

Enjoy books with your child – even 5 minutes a day is fine. Let them see you reading & highlight the purpose of reading i.e for pleasure, to read menus, to buy tickets, to find information out.

Ask your child to ‘do the shopping’ for you. They can write a list, estimate the cost, help you collect the items, pay the total (using cash is great but not always possible) and then work out the change if using cash.

Practice your child’s spellings with them each day for their weekly test on Monday.

Go on a nature walk; focus on the texture of things, the noises they hear, the different habitats.

Allow your child some ‘down time.’ This means evenings or weekend days where they do nothing structured. Academics believe that an element of boredom helps to develop a child’s creativity, resilience and independence.

Turn off all electronic devices at least one hour before bedtime. This includes TV. Encourage your child to read in bed or read/make up bedtime stories with them.

Key dates and routines to remember:

Monday: Spelling test and new spellings given out

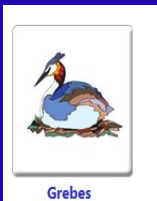
Tuesday: County Music lesson (bring instrument if it has been loaned to you)

Wednesday: PE (PE kit)

Friday: PE (PE kit)

Please can children bring in their reading book and reading diary every day so we can listen to them read and enter them into the reading raffle.

The children are welcome to bring items for show & tell any day – We cannot promise we will get time every day but will try our best. Please do encourage your child to share any recent achievements such as a new swimming group, trying something new, a certificate.



Grebes

Our Learning this Half Term

Grebes Class Parent Newsletter Autumn (1) 2024

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after what I hope has been a lovely break for you all. Grebes have made a busy start this term inventing some fantastical sweets for Mr Wonka. They have painted some great, imaginative sweets and lollies for our upcoming Roald Dahl display which will be in the dining hall. We have also begun creating self-portraits in the style of the Tudors, as this is our history topic for this half-term. We have looked at the Tudor style of dress and tried to recreate our own, using a variety of materials. We will have our very own “rogues gallery” very soon! We have a wonderful trip to Kentwell Hall coming up on the 24th September, where we will be Tudors for the day; a letter will be coming home shortly.

Please remember to feel free to contact me by email or after school if you have any concerns about your child. I am continuing to work Monday–Thursday this year, Mrs Derrett will be in class on a Friday morning, with Miss Daines teaching Grebes on Thursday and Friday afternoon. We all communicate very closely and will be able to pass on any messages to each other from you, when necessary.

Mrs McCulloch

Our Learning

English

We will be studying the novel *Treason*, by Berlie Doherty, which is set in Tudor times. The children will be writing narratives, letters and diaries. We will also be learning a different aspect of grammar each week to include in our writing.

Maths

Our first topic will be place value, which will involve the children understanding the value of digits in a 7 digit number. We will learn to sequence and order numbers and also learn how negative numbers are used. Mrs Derrett will be teaching written methods for addition and subtraction. We will also be practising times tables daily.

Science

Our topic is Living things and their habitats—we will be finding out about the classification system and the characteristics that all living things have/do.

History

We will be learning what life was like in Tudor England and how Henry VIII was as a ruler.

Art

We will be creating self-portraits with paints and other media.

PSHE

We will be learning about citizenship and the community.

Computing We are working on programming with different software including looking at the different coding that we need and how to debug when errors occur.

RE We are studying Christianity this half term, covering why the Gospel is such good news for Christians.

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Useful Ways to Share Learning at Home

- Please read with your child on a regular basis. Encourage them to read independently every day and remind them to take quizzes at school as this will help improve their comprehension skills.
- Please encourage your child to do times table rock stars every day for 5 minutes. It will help them learn their times tables and also access the Maths curriculum more easily. The Year 6 expectations are so much harder for children to attain without fluent recall of times tables.
- Encourage your child to use spelling shed to practise their spellings.
- Practice your child’s spellings with them each day for their weekly test on Friday.
- Encourage children to watch the news and be aware of world-wide events.
- Encourage your child to pack their school bag and check they have their reading book, PE kit etc to encourage independence and prepare them for high school.
- Turn off **all** electronic devices at least one hour before bedtime for a good night’s sleep.

Key dates and routines to remember:

- **PE** is on a **Wednesday** and a **Friday**. Children must have their kit in school everyday.
- **Music** is on a **Tuesday**. We will be learning the clarinet. Please bring any loaned instruments to school on this day.
- **Spellings** will be tested on a **Friday** and new spellings given out then also. New spellings are stuck into their reading records.
- Tuesday 24th September—Kentwell Hall visit in Tudor dress.

The groups will meet weekly on Thursdays and we look forward to keeping you up-to-date on what each group are doing in our half termly newsletter.

We are delighted to announce that the school has once again gained the Gold Sports Mark. Thank you to all pupils who took part in tournaments and festivals, lunchtime sporting events, after school clubs—we couldn't do it without your active children!!



Collective Worship

Our Christian Value for this half term is **Perseverance** – *Jesus frequently encouraged his disciples to ‘endure patiently’ the difficulties and obstacles they encountered and to persevere in the face of adversity. He himself trusted God even when his enemies tried to stop his work and plotted his death.*



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Mrs Derrett's
Philosophical thought for the month



Would you rather

A) have a bath of spiders

or

B) have a shower of slugs?

because ...

Remember your reasons are more important
than your answer!