



September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017

## Curriculum News



Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back! We hope you and your children enjoyed the summer holiday and are ready for a busy term. We thought it would be useful to give you some information about class organisation for Kingfishers, Rabbits and Foxes and the curriculum content between now and Christmas.

In KS2 we set by ability for maths for Years 3 and 4, and Years 5 and 6. There are 3 sets for 2 year groups which means that the ability range within each set is narrower so that all children benefit and progress. The sets are varied in size with the third set having a greater adult:pupil ratio. We are also fortunate enough to have at least one Teaching Assistant working with each set.

This year the sets will be as follows:

	<b>Years 3 &amp; 4</b>	<b>Years 5 &amp; 6</b>
<b>Set 1</b>	Miss Stannard	Mr Santy
<b>Set 2</b>	Miss Vale	Miss Leftley
<b>Set 3</b>	Mrs Birkinshaw /Miss Willer	Mr Gillen

English will be taught as a class, but children will be split into ability groups for phonics sessions. Throughout the course of the day all lessons are differentiated to suit the needs of the children.



This term our main topic is the Second World War. We will look at what life was like in Britain from 1939 -1945 which will include: evacuation, the Blitz, rationing, D-Day, Dunkirk and VE Day celebrations. An evacuee experience day has been arranged in October where the children will be asked to dress as an evacuee, they will travel by steam train from Sheringham station to Holt and participate in various workshop/activities relevant to the time. More information to follow.

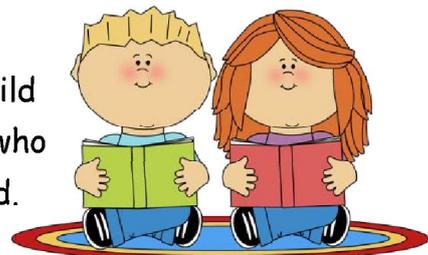
**Headteacher:** Mrs S.H. Bradford

**Deputy Headteacher:** Miss D.K. Stannard

## Reading

In school, reading takes place in a variety of contexts. Your child will be assigned a reading group with those of a similar ability who will read aloud with an adult and discuss what they have read.

Other reading activities will take place with the whole class or individually. We really hope that you will help your child by listening to them at home and discussing the content. Research shows that even fluent readers benefit enormously when they do this. All children have Reading Record Books to record the reading they have done.



If you, or a relative or friend, are able to spare some time to come in and listen to children read, it would be really appreciated. This could be in an afternoon or for 10 minutes during registration. If you cannot make a whole afternoon, even the last 20mins 2 or 3 times a week can make a big difference. We are also looking for a volunteer to help issue books in our library sessions once a week.

**Please come and talk to us if you are interested.**

## P.E.

Your child will take part in both an indoor and outdoor session every week. It is essential that children have all of the following items to participate in PE. Kit needs to be in school all week. Please send it in on Monday and we will remind children to take it home on Friday.



<u>Indoor Kit</u>	<u>Outdoor Kit</u>
Plimsolls T-shirt Shorts	Trainers T-shirt Shorts/Jogging bottoms Sweatshirt

It may be a good idea to provide your child with carrier bags to put muddy shoes and clothes in. Please make sure that all P.E. kit is named.

**Please be aware that if your child does not have plimsolls for indoor games they will not be taking part in the activity and a note will be sent home.**

**It is Norfolk County Council policy that children will do dance and gym with bare feet.**

## Swimming

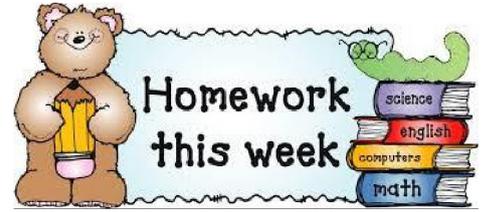
Year 5s will swim every Thursday, starting next week. (September 14<sup>th</sup>) They will need a swimming costume, swimming hat (as specified by Diss Swimming Pool), towel, bag and goggles (if they wish to use them).



## Homework

### Spellings

Spellings will be given out on a Wednesday and tested the following week. In order to learn these words, children will need to follow the "Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check" method - look in the front of your child's spellings book to see how to do this.



**Maths** homework will be given on Tuesdays and should be returned to school by Thursday.

**English** homework will be given on Fridays and should be handed in by Tuesday.

Please encourage your child to complete and return homework on time as this not only helps them establish good working routines, but helps us with marking.

In addition, we would really appreciate it if you could encourage your child to read and learn their times tables daily.

### Art Resources

If you have an old shirt spare please can you donate it to your child's class as this would be useful as an apron. We would also appreciate any old material, wool or other resources that you may have for art work.

### Craft Afternoon

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September we will be making our Christmas cards in order to get them off to the printers and sold later in the term. If anyone is able to come in to help with this activity it would be most appreciated. Please let us know if you are willing.

### Before and After School Communication

Please remember our policy of children lining up outside before school starts. If you need to see us please come after school, or if it is urgent contact the school office via email, telephone or in person.



### Website

You can find out what the children have been doing in school by looking on the school's FaceBook pages or by visiting our website and viewing class blogs - [www.roydonprimary.co.uk](http://www.roydonprimary.co.uk) We welcome any comments about the activities and work you see; the children respond well to any positive feedback. Blogs will be updated regularly throughout the year.

We hope this has given you some idea of what we will be doing this term. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to come in and talk to us.

Yours sincerely,

Stacey Vale, Charlotte Birkinshaw, Tracey Willer and Dawn Stannard  
(Class teachers)