GREEN CLASS NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM 2026

Welcome back to school and welcome to Green Class. We hope you all had a really lovely summer holiday!

Below is lots of useful information about what we will be doing and learning about this year. We want to work together with you to support your child's learning, develop their confidence and ensure your child is happy in school. We will be using Class Dojo as a way of communication between you and us, so please message us if you have any questions or concerns or if you just want to share something exciting, such as an achievement your child has done. You can, of course, also speak to us on the playground at the end of the school day anytime. If it is something urgent, please email the School Office as messages on Class Dojo are not always picked up straight away.

Mrs Adie will be in school teaching the children on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Mr Middleton will be in on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Reeve, Higher Level Teaching Assistant, and Mrs Moore, Teaching Assistant, will be supporting us and the children's learning in class through each week.

Maths

We will continue to build on the skills of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division that your child has been learning. We will be working hard to ensure any gaps in the pupils' knowledge are covered, so they are confident with the skills they need to know. They will be doing lots of practise to apply the skills they have learnt so far to solve problems.

You can support your child by helping them to learn their times tables by heart and in a random order. Year 3 need to work on 10x, 5x, 2x, 3x and will soon be starting 4x and 8x tables. Year 4 need to work hard on learning 6x, 7x, 9x and 12x and then need to practise ALL times tables up to 12x12 as in June of Year 4 the pupils will take a national times tables test. This will require the Year 4 children to have a confident knowledge of all tables to x12 and in a random order, so we will be working hard to achieve this.

Maths learning at home

Please all ensure your child is using Times Tables Rockstars as much as possible and a minimum of three times a week for about ten minutes each time. This will considerably help them with their learning. Their logins and passwords have been glued into the front of their reading record books in case they cannot remember them. Any issues with logging in please let one of us know.

Other fun games they can use to help improve their key mathematical skills are by downloading the app '1 minute maths' for White Rose. This links in well to the learning we teach in class. All the activities on there are useful to be doing at home. You can download the app for FREE and it's available for use on Apple, Android and Kindle devices.

English

We will be focusing on reading, writing, spelling, grammar and handwriting. We will continue to use a range of fiction and non-fiction text types. For our writing, the pupils will be taught through a two or three-week cycle based on one text and text type. The pupils will focus on grammatical structure and composition of sentences. They will learn specific grammar and writing skills needed for the text type and build up to a long piece of writing around the text at the end of the cycle. The children are then given the chance to edit and improve their work, identify what they have done well and recognise what they need to do to improve. This term the children will be learning about and writing a first person narrative description, non-chronological reports, a formal letter, dialogue through narrative stories, and performance poetry.

Through a range of reading, pupils will expand their vocabulary knowledge and their understanding of the text they have read. For our reading in class, we have daily reading lessons and during this time we will spend several weeks on one core reading book whilst looking at other shorter texts and extracts that link to the book we read. The children will learn all about the text, the characters, their feelings within the book, character's intentions, various facts and opinions, key themes across the texts, make predictions, and learn to give evidence to support their thoughts and ideas. Year 4 will be starting with the book 'The Queen's Nose' by Dick King-Smith and Year 3 will be starting with 'Greta and the Giants' a beautiful picture book.

Spellings

Weekly spelling tests will take place on a Monday based on learning in class and new spelling lists will be sent home each Tuesday in a green homework spelling book for you to learn at home with your child. Please check their bags each Tuesday for their new spellings. Please ensure these green books remain in your child's school bag and they bring them to school every day, as they will be using them throughout the week to also practise their spellings in school.

Reading Books, Book Bags and Homework

There is very limited storage space in the cloakrooms, especially once winter coats start coming in, so could your child please only use a Key Stage 2 book bag to bring in school equipment, as sadly there is just no space for backpacks. One backpack covers three children's pegs stopping other children reaching their belongings. Key Stage 2 book bags are provided for every child at the start of Year 3 thanks to the Friends of School. No pencil cases will be needed in class as all equipment that pupils need will be provided for them.

Please ensure book bags and reading diaries are sent into school every day. Your child is responsible for getting their reading book out in the mornings if it needs changing and placing it into the 'to be changed' box once they have finished it at home.

Homework includes reading every day (this can be to you or independently to themselves – bedtime is a great time to enjoy doing this before they go to sleep), spellings to learn and TT Rockstars as much as possible. Please record in the reading diary when your child has read.

Spelling tests will be completed on a Monday in yellow spelling books kept in school. Your child will then record their score in their green spelling homework book so you can see how they did, and they will highlight any words they got wrong. New spellings will then be issued each Tuesday.

Other Subject Areas

PE: This term we have PE lessons on Wednesdays and Thursdays whatever the weather, so please ensure that every Wednesday and Thursday your child comes into school wearing their PE kit, instead of their uniform, with a waterproof if it is going to rain. Trainers are also essential to wear as plimsolls are not suitable for outdoor sports.

Please ensure your child can remove their earrings as covering them with tape will not be sufficient. If they cannot remove them, please send them to school with no earrings on the days we do PE.

Science: In Science this half term we are learning about 'Rocks and Soils' where they will learn about different types of rocks and their properties. There will be a number of fun investigations for them to complete too. After half term they will learn about 'Forces and Magnets'.

Music: We have a music scheme we are using across the school called Charanga. The first unit of work for music is all based around a song called 'Let Your Spirit Fly' where they will listen to a range of different songs, learn some of the music and accompany it with instruments. The class will also be developing and improving their skills of using a glockenspiel.

This term the whole class will also be having a go at learning the recorder and we hope to share some of the songs they learn with you at the end of term. Year 4 will continue from the learning they did last year, developing their skills further, and Year 3 will learn as beginners. Learning a musical instrument has so many positive benefits for children's learning, memory, co-ordination, self-esteem and confidence, and we are really pleased to be able to offer everyone a chance to have a go.

RE: Our learning will be Christianity – *How do Christians show that 'reconciliation' with God and other people is important?* And Islam – *How does a Muslim show their submission and obedience to Allah?*

DT: We will be looking at a range of decorative items using stitching and embroidery to inspire us before designing and sewing our own cross stitch pictures.

History: 'The Viking and Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England.' This will include a class visit to West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village on Thursday 24 September (please see letter sent out already for further information).

French: The children will be covering key French vocabulary whilst covering the topics 'All Around the Town', 'Christmas' and 'Going Shopping'.

Art: The children will be learning about and using collage, looking at the famous artists Henri Matisse, Francis Bacon and Andy Warhol for inspiration.

PSHE: The topics covered this term will be 'Working in a Team' and 'Being Yourself'.

Computing: The children will be using search engines to find information, using menus on web pages to navigate sites and independently researching topics. After half term they will be learning some coding skills.

As the weather gets wetter, please ensure your child comes to school with old trainers or a pair of wellies to wear on the field during breaktimes and lunchtime. Please could these be in a plastic bag so they can hang them on their peg.

If you have any concerns or questions, please speak with one of us or if you prefer to, arrange a meeting after school or at a convenient time. We are here to help anytime to support you and your child.

Mrs C Adie and Mr M Middleton
Green Class Teachers