



Newts Newsletter – Autumn Term 2025

Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome back to the Spring Term. I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas and are ready for a fantastic new year. I am looking forward to seeing all the children again for a packed term.

This term our Topic will be **The Romans**. We will be exploring the political changes Rome undergoes, looking at significant events and people, understanding important sources, and looking at the impact the Romans have had on our lives. This will tie in nicely with the other subjects we are studying this term, such as comparing the UK and Italy and looking at Roman portraits and mosaics. We will also be visiting the British Museum towards the end of the term to explore some Roman artifacts.

We will begin rehearsing for the Frogs and Newts' Spring Term Production this term, which will be 'The Wind in The Willows'. Scripts will be coming home later this week, so please do encourage your child to practice and learn their lines. The musical itself will be in Spring 2, with official dates to come soon.

Swimming for year 4s will happen on Tuesday mornings (until February half-term) and PE will be on Tuesdays (for Year 5s) and Thursdays, so please ensure that children come in PE kit on that day. Every Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning, the class will be taught by Mrs Bailey.

Homework:

Homework grids will be sent home, which include a variety of tasks based on learning covered this half term. Children can either choose one task every couple of weeks or spend longer completing a bigger task over a series of weeks. There are no rules on how many tasks are to be completed but there will be rewards for those children who engage in them! The children will be given a homework book to complete the tasks, in which they bring in and share with the class. We will share, celebrate and give feedback to children on the last week each half term. Please bring in your homework on these dates.

Children will be given a homework planner to record their home reading and weekly homework tasks. **Each week the expectations are to:**

- Read at least 4 times a week
- Login to Times Tables Rockstars for at least 5 minutes twice a week

Children will also be given their spellings on a Monday and a small activity to reinforce the weeks learning, if this is handed in completed, they are moved up the board.

It is important that children are reading every evening at home (for about 15 minutes) and should be logged in their reading record. This does not need to be reading to you every night and if your child is a confident reader you may sign to say they have read by themselves. The reading records will be checked every Friday, and we expect at least 4 adult signatures across the week. There is an incentive of an extra 10 minutes play time for this. Please include any relevant comments, if necessary, that we will read. Spellings will be completed throughout the week and will go home on Monday with the children to practice at home where possible, with weekly spelling tests on Friday.

I would like to emphasise how important it is for your child to be accessing TT Rockstars and practising as much as possible, as this is crucial for accessing Year 4 and 5 Maths content. Engaging with their studies at home massively impacts children's progress.

At the end of Year 4 the children will be completing the Multiplication Times Tables Check. More information can be found on:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multiplication-tables-check-information-for-parents>
Children should already have their logins but please see me if you are unable to access these.

As a parent/carer, we ask that you record the homework completed. In the homework diary, write down the reading that they have done on the right-hand side of the page and record which days they completed TT Rockstars on the left-hand side, along with your signature. We will check the diaries every Friday and if they have completed the above, they will get extra break time.

If you have any questions or concerns, I will be in the playground every day after school to help. Alternatively, please contact the office if you would like to arrange a meeting.

The following page shows the different learning that will take place over the Autumn Term.

Kindest Regards,
Miss Rowe

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	Autumn 1	Autumn 2
English	Structured poems Science Fiction Class Text- Julius Caesar - Marcia Williams	Persuasive Writing Descriptive Writing Class Text- Vita and the Gladiator - Ally Sherrick
Maths	Fractions and Decimals	Decimals and Percentages Money
Science	Electricity	Living Things and Their Habitats
RE	Why is the Torah so important for Jewish people? Why do Christians call the day Jesus died, 'Good Friday'?	
Computing	Data and Information	Programming- Scratch
PSHE	Keeping Safe	Rights and Responsibilities
DT		Electrical Systems
Art	Roman Portraits and Mosaics	
History	The Romans	
Geography		The UK vs Italy
PE	Football Hockey	Dance Netball

	Swimming	
French	Shapes and colours Prepositions of place To use the language to describe pictures	Parts of the face & adjectives- Parts of the body
Music	Performance	Performance

All of the Knowledge Organisers for the topics above will be sent home to you. This will give you a comprehensive outline of what is covered throughout each unit and enable you to support learning from home.