



Newts Newsletter – Autumn Term 2026

Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome back to the Autumn Term. I hope that you have all enjoyed a restful summer and are excited for the new school year. I am looking forward to seeing all the children and embarking on our learning journey together in Newts class!

This term our Topic will be ***The Tudors!*** We will be learning about the Tudor Monarchs and will get the chance to be immersed in everyday Tudor life with a virtual visit from Historians. This links very well with our English Topics, where we are exploring Shakespearean sonnets and playscripts, with a focus on Macbeth.

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

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 related to our 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.

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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- Shakespearean Sonnets Class Text- Macbeth by Marcia Williams	Playscripts- Shakespearean Playscripts Historical Fiction- Tudor Tales
Maths	Place Value Negative numbers Four Operations	Fractions, Decimals and Percentages
Science	Year 4: States of Matter Year 5: Properties of Change	Year 4: Electricity Year 5: Forces
RE	Hinduism What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today? Christianity For Christians, when Jesus left, what was the impact of Pentecost?	

Computing	Creating Media- Writing	Computing Systems- The Internet
PSHE	Valuing Difference	Me and my relationships
DT		Mechanism- Pulleys and gears
Art	Renaissance Drawing and Painting Hans Holbien and Leonardo DiVinci	
History	The Tudors	
Geography		Exploration and Mapping
PE	Team Building Games Fitness Swimming	Gymnastics Tag Rugby Swimming
French	Célébrations (Celebrations)	Tête épaules genoux et pied. (Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Feet)
Music	Melodic phrases	Structure and form

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.