



Newts Newsletter Summer Term

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Newts Class. I hope you have all had a lovely and restful break, I can't quite believe that we are already in our final term. I'm looking forward to a sunny (hopefully), busy summer term and to introducing our new topics to the class as well as practicing for our play – The Bee Musical. We are looking forward to performing this to you!

This term our topic will be **The Shang Dynasty** and we will be looking at the reign of the Shang and life in the Shang Dynasty. The children will develop a chronological understanding of this period, examine artefacts and study daily life and customs during this time. Our topic will also focus on Asia where we will be comparing physical environments and features in different Asian regions. We will link our study of Asia and the Shang Dynasty to different writing tasks, including reports, poetry and stories.

PE lessons will be on **Monday** and **Friday** (please come into school wearing PE kit on those days).

Homework grids will also 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. Homework is not compulsory but there will be rewards for those children who do 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 at the end of each half term.

Children will be given a homework planner to record their home reading and weekly homework tasks.

The expectations are as follows:

- Read for at least 15 minutes daily*
- Login to Times Tables Rockstars for at least 5 minutes twice a week*
- Complete 2 x activities in their spelling booklets*

Please record all homework in their homework diaries- 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. It is still important to keep practising times tables as they are an integral part of the Maths work we complete in class – Year 4s will also be completing their Multiplication Check this term! We will check the diaries every Friday and if children have completed the above, they will get extra break time.

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

If you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Barden

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	Summer 1	Summer 2
English	<p><i>The Firework Maker's Daughter – Phillip Pullman</i></p> <p>Non-Fiction Non-chronological Reports Poetry Free Verse</p>	<p><i>Tales from China – Cyril Birch</i></p> <p>Non-Fiction Persuasive Writing Narrative Adventure</p>
Maths	<p>Decimals Money Time</p>	<p>Shape Statistics Position and Direction</p>
Science	Light	Animals including Humans
RE	<p>Christianity, Buddhism and Humanism Is believing in God reasonable?</p>	<p>Christianity, Buddhism and Humanism Is believing in God reasonable?</p>
Computing	<p>Creating Media Video animation, Window's Movie Maker</p>	Review and Revisit / E-Safety
PSHE	Being my Best	Growing and Changing
DT		<p>Food and Nutrition Celebrating Culture and Seasonality</p>
Art	<p>Graffiti Printmaking Banksy Donald Joseph White</p>	
History	<p>The Shang Dynasty How did the achievements of the Shang Dynasty compare to other civilisations?</p>	
Geography		<p>Asia – Longitude and Latitude Enquiry: How does physical geography differ between three different regions of Asia?</p>
PE	<p>Athletics Cricket</p>	<p>Tennis Rounders</p>
French	<p>Clothing The Weather</p>	<p>Sports and Hobbies School</p>
Music	<p>Words, Meaning, Expression How does music shape our way of life?</p>	<p>Identifying Musical Elements How does music connect us with the environment?</p>