



Newts Newsletter – Summer Term 2026

Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome back to the Summer Term. I hope you all had a wonderful Easter. I am looking forward to seeing all the children again for another busy term!

This term our Topic will be **The Anglo-Saxons and The Vikings**. We will be exploring the differences and similarities between them, understanding important sources, and looking at the significance they have had in the UK. This will tie in nicely with the other subjects we are studying this term, such as looking at the Geography of East Anglia and local landscape artists.

We have our play in the second week back as well as Bikeability for the Year 5s. The Year 4s will also have their Multiplication Check this term and so it is crucial that they are practicing their times tables.

PE will continue to be on Thursdays and Fridays, 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.

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.

This term, the 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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	Summer 1	Autumn 2
English	Structured poems- Viking Kennings Traditional Narratives	Interactive Fiction Non-Chronological Report
Maths	Perimeter, Area, Length and Volume Converting units Time	Shape Statistics Position an Direction
Science	Animals including humans	Review and Revisit
RE	Why do Christians call the day Jesus died, 'Good Friday'? What is meant by 'sacrifice'?	
Computing	Programming	E-Safety
PSHE	Being My Best	Growing and Changing
DT		Food Tech
Art	Local Landscape Artists	
History	The Anglo-Saxons and Romans	
Geography		East Anglia
PE	Sports Day Practice Cricket	Rounders Tennis
French	- To learn nouns for family members- To learn the alphabet- Siblings & pets - asking & answering survey, including spelling names-	To learn adjectives for describing hair & eyes- To use the language from this term to describe an invented or famous family.
Music	Performance	Identifying Musical Elements How Does Music Connect Us With The Environment?

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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.