

Important Dates:

Wednesday 2nd September 2026 –
Term begins.

Monday 14th September 2026 - Open
classrooms after school.

Monday 5th October 2026 – Harvest
Festival at St Peter and St Paul.

Friday 23rd October 2026 – Final day
of half term.

**Please see the school calendar on
the website for further details
and dates.**

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Things to remember:

These should be in school **every day**:

- Named water bottle
- Snack or prepaid snack money
- Reading book and diary
- PE kit for indoor and swimming lessons (to be brought in on Monday and taken home Friday)
- Named summer coat

PE

Reminder:

Long hair must be up and all jewellery removed.
Please ensure the outdoor kit includes **sensible**
outdoor shoes.

Please bring PE kit in on a Monday to be sent
home on Friday.

Homework

One piece of homework weekly, alternating between a grammar or a mathematics focus. Given out on **Tuesday for the return on the following Monday**. This coincides with daily times tables and reading practice.

Please record home efforts in the home diary. Spelling practice at home is highly encouraged, using the common words in the homework book.

How can you help?

Talk with your child, making a conscious effort to expand their vocabulary and descriptive ability and encourage independent learning about our theme.

Use real life situations to practise maths, for example counting piles of coins, working out best value in the supermarket.

Encourage your **child** to prepare for school each day – perhaps use a checklist to ensure that they have packed everything they need in their bag. Also remind them to hand in any notes, letters or messages in their reading record.

Remind your child that they are expected to take responsibility for handing in their reading book to change.

Please remember to email your class teacher if you have any concerns or queries and we will get back to you as soon as we can.



Some useful links:

Free KS2 SATs Paper Tests - <https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/resources/ks2-sats-online-10-minute-tests>

SATs Questions by topic - <https://www.maths4everyone.com/pages/ks2-sats-practice.php>

Times Tables Rockstars - <https://trockstars.com/>

CGP Revision Books - <https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/11-plus-13-plus-books/11/11-books-for-ages-9-10-year-5>

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Topic - Let's be Explorers

- **Science** – We will be investigating Earth and Space. We will be looking at the movement of Earth and the other planets around the Sun, as well as the movement of the Moon around the Earth.
- **Art** – We will be exploring artists around our theme of space, and practising our screen-printing skills.
- **Geography** – In geography we will be exploring rivers and water cycles.
- **Computing** – Computer systems, we will be exploring connections linked to data.
- **MFL** – French – Time – We will be learning how to read the time.
- **Music** – (Rock – Bon Jovi) We will be focusing on the skills of listening and appraising a variety of songs using our scheme Charanga.
- **PSHE** – The unit for this half term is Me and My Relationships and keeping ourselves safe online. We will learn more about our emotional needs, how to be a good friend and how to communicate.
- **PE** – We will be developing our skills in squash and football.
- **RE** – What can you learn about the world? Knowledge/meaning of life from the great philosophers.



Writing:

We will be developing our skills in biography writing, linking this to our science by researching and writing about Stephen Hawking. As a class, we will be reading George's Secret Key to the Universe by Lucy and Stephen Hawking. We will be using the text to guide our sequence of learning, as well as to gather ambitious vocabulary and explore sentence structures. Following on from this, we will continue to link our science to our writing by composing Outer Space themed poetry.



Reading:

Daily fluency reading and phonics sessions will continue to take place where children will join in with reading common words and phonetically decodable words. In addition, children will engage in discussing the content of classic children's literature while gathering new and interesting vocabulary. During individual reading, our priority is to ensure confident acquisition and application of phonics skills, as well as focusing on developing reading stamina.

Maths:

Our first unit of work will be focusing on place value, followed by number, focusing on addition and subtraction. This will include rounding, estimating and comparing and ordering numbers. In addition to solving a range of word problem equations. We will be following our scheme of work, Maths Mastery. The children will also continue to practise regularly on Times Tables Rock Stars.