

Parent Welcome Session



Welcome from the Team

Year 1

Mrs Carpenter



Mrs Suffield



Miss Smart



Miss Harper



Miss Penton



Miss Cook



Mr Honor



Miss Walsh




Curriculum Overview for this half-term

Topic: Playing with words This curriculum newsletter provides an overview of your child's learning this half-term.	Science As Scientists we will observe changes in our local environment linked to seasons.	Computing As technology users we will be observing the technology around us and discussing different computing systems.
English	PE	RE
As authors we will be memorising and performing poetry. We will even have a go at creating our own version of a nonsense poem! As readers we will take part in phonics sessions that are progressive and teach us three new sounds a week. We will be reading and listening to lots of poems and talking about how they make us feel. Reading books will be changed weekly on a Monday but we request that children bring reading books and diaries in daily so that they can read to an adult in school.	As athletes we will learn how to move our bodies and our own limitations. We will learn what exercise is and why it is good for us.	As theologists we will be using our senses to explore significant artefacts from different religions.
	Art and Design Technology	History and Geography
	As artists and designers we will explore mixing colours to create our own skin tone. This is inspired by Angelica Dass.	As historians we will be comparing the toys we have now with those of the 1960s. As geographers we will be going on a walk in our local area.
Maths	RHE	Music
As mathematicians we will be building on our reception knowledge and moving onto comparing weight, length and height. We will later use this knowledge to compare amounts and how numbers are made out of different parts.	To understand ourselves and others we will be discussing different emotions and linking these to the zones of regulation. We will think about how our bodies grow and change. We will learn that some body parts are kept private.	As musicians we will be listening to music and identifying the beat.
		Languages
		As linguists we will be talking about the languages that are spoken in our class.

A paper copy of the half term curriculum newsletter will be sent home every half term.

It will also be available on the school website.

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ay May I play? 	ee What can you see? 	igh Fly high 	ow Blow the snow 
oo Poo at the zoo 	oo Look at a book 	ar Start the car 	or Shut the door 
air That's not fair 	ir Whirl and twirl 	ou Shout it out 	oy Toy to enjoy 
kn Knock, knock, who's there? 	ck Tick tick clock 	wh Whisk, whisk 	ph Take a photo 

ea Cup of tea 	oi Spoil the boy 	a-e Make a cake 
i-e Nice smile 	o-e Phone home 	u-e Huge brute 
aw Yawn at dawn 	are Care and share 	ur Nurse with a purse 
er A better letter 	ow Brown cow 	ai Snail in the rain 

oa Goat in a boat 	ew Chew the stew 	ire Fire, fire! 
ear Hear with your ear 	ure Sure it's pure 	tion Pay attention, it's a celebration! 
tious cious Scrumptious, delicious 	e He, we, me, she, be 	au Paul the astronaut 
e-e Go Pete and Steve! 	ie Terrible tie! 	ue Come to the rescue! 

- Streamed phonics will continue in Year 1
- Children's reading books will match their phonics level. It is changed once a week.
- This year some children may complete the phonics programme they will complete a 'STAR Reader' quiz which will inform which banded book level they move on to

Supporting Learning at home

HOME LEARNING

1 | Read for a star



To help your child make good progress in their reading, we encourage you to read with your child at least four times a week and to log this in their reading diary. They will receive certificates during the year to celebrate their reading at home.

2 | Marvellous Maths

The aim of Marvellous Maths is to encourage your child to do a fun mathematical activity four times a week. This may be helping them with number bonds, practising telling the time and measuring ingredients whilst cooking.

3 | Year group specific

- Reading
- Phonics games- phonics play, Teach your monster to read
- Nonsense words
- Common exception words, e.g. was, said, the, he, she, we

Supporting Learning at home

Example of a completed week
in a reading diary

Week 3 Commencing 18th September 2023	
Read For a Star Which book(s) am I reading this week? Stuck in Fog	
Marvellous Maths This week I'm working on... Numbers 10 - 100	
Reading Stuck in Fog P1-4	Maths Numbots
Reading Stuck in Fog - green words and red words	Maths Played snap
Reading Stuck in Fog - practised 'Fred in your head'	Maths Times table rockstars (10x table)
Reading Read library book - 'Look Up!'	Maths Measured ingredients for baking
Reading Read stories at bedtime	Maths Counted cars on the way to school
Weekend Spelling games + adding money	
Comments:	



1 | PE Days

Monday

Tuesday

Children can keep their PE kit in school during the week.



2 | Library Day

Tuesday is our Library Day and children will need to bring their library book in to get a new book to take home each week.



3 | Assemblies

Every week, we have a Monday morning assembly with Mr. Cross to start the week. We also have a weekly singing assembly and a celebration assembly on Friday. We will let you know in good time when your child's Show and Share Assembly will be taking place.

Our School Uniform

We are proud of our school uniform and we expect all children to wear it with pride. For safety reasons, children should not wear any jewellery in school, apart from studded earrings (which should be covered during PE and swimming).

Uniform	PE Uniform (in named bag)
Purple sweatshirt/cardigan (with or without logo)	Shorts and purple polo shirt
White shirt/polo shirt	Trainers for outdoor PE
Black or grey trousers / skirt / pinafore / shorts	
Dark trainers/flat sensible shoes	



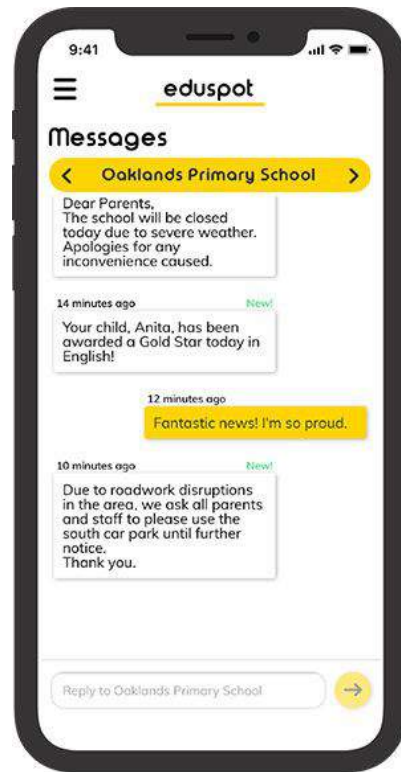
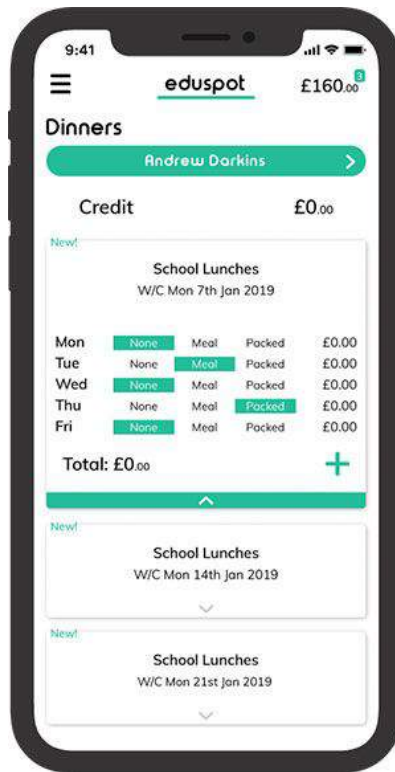
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of DEREHAM





How we keep in touch with you

We use Eduspot for school money and communication. Make sure you download the app and allow push notifications to receive texts alerts



How we keep in touch with you

Year 2 Blog Posts



Year 2 – Smoothie Making
(1st July 2023)

In DT this half term Year 2 have completed a smoothie making project. First they taste tested smoothies so that they could decide which fruits they liked best. Then they designed their own recipes and wrote out which ingredients they would need. Finally they made their smoothies, carefully cutting the fruit and adding it to the container before it was blended. They then used an



Year 2 – PE
(26th June 2023)

This half term Year 2 have been enjoying developing their throwing, aiming and agility skills in PE. This week they took part in a variety of activities to practice what they've learnt. They were challenged themselves to adapt the activities to make them trickier!



Year 2 – Online Author Visit
(23rd June 2023)

Year 2 had an exciting morning today when they took part in an online author visit with Nathan Bryon and Dapo Adedola. The children listened to Nathan and Dapo read their new book *Speak Up!* and then took part in a quiz. After that, Dapo taught the children how to draw the bookworm from



Monthly Newsletters

Year Group Blog Pages

Curriculum Newsletter
Year 2 / Autumn 2

Dear Parents & Carers,

What have been up at all other Year 2 pupils and their families? We hope that you had a fantastic break over the half term and are looking forward to seeing your son or daughter back in school. Please keep an eye on the year group page and messages on this to keep you updated on everything that we are up to.

Key incidents

Date	Event
15th	A day of learning about the history of the school.
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Upcoming Dates

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Curriculum Newsletter every half-term

Year 3 Wraps

Hedgehog Music Performance

Oct 9 – 15, 2023

Monday, October 9

- all-day • School Photos

Tuesday, October 10

- all-day • School Photos

Friday, October 13

- all-day • Curriculum Day

Online Calendar on our website

Newsletter

June 2023



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Reminder: Sports Day 2023



Welcome back to our final half term of the academic year. We have lots planned, including our Year 2 trip to Crozes, a day of water sports at Whittingham broads for Year 3 and Year 5 are off to Eaton Valley today for their residential trip!

I hope parents and carers can join us for our upcoming sports day and summer fete, organised by the Friends of GHS.

Mr Matthew Cross
Headteacher

Sun Cream and Sun Hats

As we get warmer weather this half term please ensure that your child comes to school with a hat and sun cream. It's also recommended to apply sun cream at home and send your child to school with extra sun cream so they can re-apply.



We are looking forward to parents and carers joining us for our annual sports day event. Like last year, this will take place on the main field (weather dependent) and you will be able to access the site from the site gate by the main entrance. Parents and carers are welcome to attend on the following sessions:

15th June - Years 1, 2 and 3	9.15 - 11.30am
15th June - Years 4, 5 and 6	12.30 - 2.45pm
16th June - Nursery	AM - 9.50am PM - 2.30pm
16th June - Reception	9am

Earth Day 2023

Miss Taylor helped to lead our whole-school Earth Day event in May. Children found out more about the impact of littering on the environment. In the afternoon, buddy classes met up to complete 'No - Mow May' posters, which have been placed in our outdoor classroom.



Workshares

Every half-term, we are inviting you into your child's classroom to have a browse of the learning they have done across subjects and to celebrate their achievements to date. These last 30 minutes and take place from 3 - 3.30pm.

The first workshare will take place on Wednesday 17th October from 3 - 3.30pm



Snack and Lunchtimes

Packed Lunches

This is eaten in the school hall with the other children. As a 'healthy school' we do not permit fizzy drinks or sweets.

School Lunches

There is a always hot dinner, vegetarian, jacket potato and cold lunch option.

Children really enjoy trying a range of foods, with our roast Wednesdays and fish and chip Friday always a hit!

You can order your child's lunch in advance on our school app.

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THANK YOU

Mid-morning Break

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 get free fruit and Reception children also receive Milk. Children in KS2 are encouraged to bring a healthy snack into school for their mid-morning break. This could be fruit, yoghurt or cheese. Please do not supply chocolate, sweets or crisps for mid-morning snack.

Water Bottles

Children should bring in a 'named' water bottle for use during the school day. This should be filled with water only - no squash, juices or fizzy drinks in school.

Week One *School Lunch Menu*
Spring - Summer Menu 2023

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	1/2 Margherita Pizza with Tomato Wedges	Roast and Curry Meatballs in Tomato Sauce	Roast Chicken with Stuffing	Meatless Chicken with Tomato Sauce	Fish Fingers
Served with	Seasonal	Pasta with Tomato and Basil Vegetables	Roast Potatoes, Peas, Carrots and Gravy	Meatless Salad	Chips and Peas or Seasonal Beans
And for pudding	Cheese Cakes	Fruit and Cream Selection	Seasonal Berry Muffins	Vanilla Ice Cream	Fruit Salad with Orange Wedges

Menu valid from 1st May to 31st May 2023. All prices are per child. Please contact the school for more information.

Why attendance is important



1 | Secure Relationships

Children find it easier to build and sustain a range of social relationships when they regularly attend school.

2 | Self-esteem

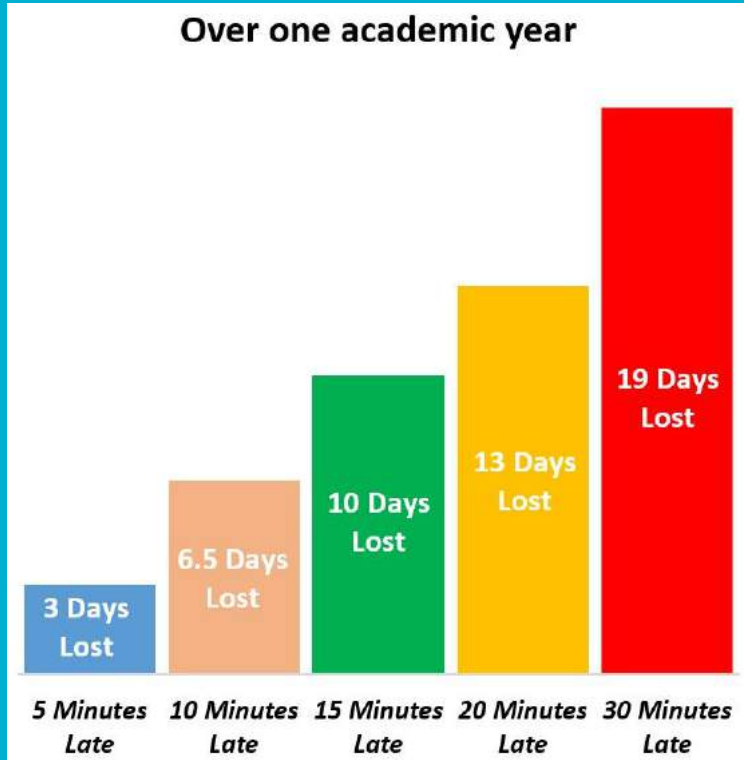
Children who rarely miss school and come on time are more likely to feel good about themselves. This is because they know what goes on and what to expect, feel more confident with the adults and the other children.

3 | Learning and development

Teachers plan lessons that build on previous knowledge. If children are absent from school regularly, they are at risk of having gaps in their learning.

Every minute counts

(figures below are calculated over a school year)



Top tips for improving attendance

- ★ Speak positively about school at home.
- ★ Have a regular routine for the start of each day.
- ★ Help your child get their clothes and bag ready before they go to bed.
- ★ Set a reasonable bed time to make sure they get enough sleep.
- ★ Speak to staff at school if you would like more support.

Any Questions?

