

Parent Welcome Session



Welcome from the Team

Year 5

Mrs White (Year Leader)

Miss Lewis

Miss Earl


Mr Hann

Miss Osborne

Miss Forrest

Mr Wickham

Curriculum Overview for this half-term

Topic: Angry Planet	Science	Computing
<p>This curriculum newsletter provides an overview of your child's learning this half-term</p>	<p>As scientists we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Describe a material's properties ★ Explain the use of materials based on their properties ★ Compare materials based on their properties 	<p>As computer scientists we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Identify and explore how information is shared between digital systems
English	PE	RE
<p>This half term in English, our core text is 'Planet SOS' and supports our climate change focus. It is a non fiction text which uses 'monsters' to explore how climate change is destroying our planet. We will be writing poems and compiling reports about the issues which affect our world.</p> <p>During spelling sessions, we will focus upon the word list for Year 5 and 6 and learning about prefixes and suffixes.</p> <p>In our 'Reading Masters' sessions, we will be exploring texts associated with Black History Month. We will be developing our understanding of unfamiliar vocabulary and developing our retrieval skills.</p>	<p>As athletes we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ learn the rules and tactics for netball, basketball and hockey ★ Take part in health related activities and recognise the importance of exercise 	<p>As theologists we will explore the question 'Is believing in God reasonable?'</p>
	Art and Design Technology	Geography
	<p>As artists and designers we will be studying the work of Chris Ofili. We will consider how he uses a range of materials to build layers into his work and create a piece of work in response to this.</p>	<p>As geographers we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Learn about different biomes ★ Consider the impact of climate change on our planet



Curriculum

Maths	RHE	Music
<p>As mathematicians we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">★ identify tenths, hundredths and thousandths as part of a whole★ describe and represent tenths, hundredths and thousandths as a decimal fraction★ use our knowledge to calculate with decimals★ round decimal numbers to the nearest whole, tenth and hundredth★ read and write numbers with up to 3 decimal places★ compare and order numbers up to 3 decimal places	<p>To understand ourselves and others we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">★ Focus on our feelings and learn how to ask for help when tricky friendship situations arise	<p>As musicians we will follow the Charanga scheme of learning <u>listening</u> to rock anthems and learning the song Livin' On a Prayer.</p>
		<p>Languages</p> <p>As linguists we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">★ Develop our understanding of Chinese through weekly Mandarin lessons.★ build confidence in reading, writing and speaking and listening skills in Mandarin.★ develop our vocabulary in Mandarin.

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. Activities from the CGP books count as Marvellous Maths.

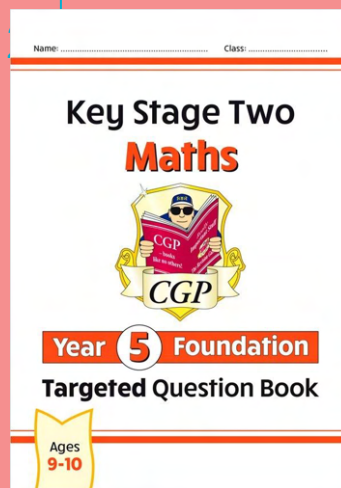
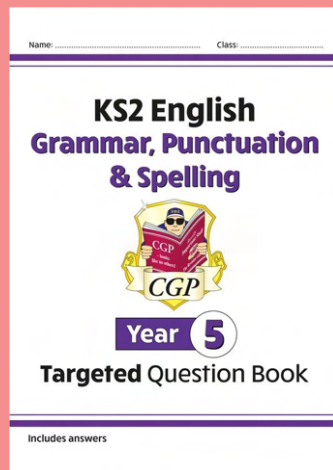
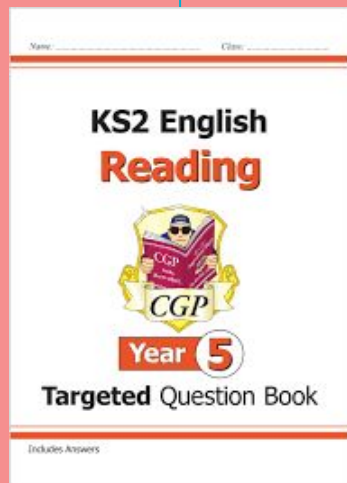
3 | Year group specific

- *MY ON learning - login are in children's reading records. Please remember to take the quizzes which go with each text*
- *CGP Revision books*
- *(See next Slide)*

Supporting Learning at home

HOME LEARNING

CGP Books



Children will be sent home with 2 of these book each week on a Friday.

Children will be told which pages to complete each week.

Children will need to mark the pages at home - the answers are in the back. We ask that children put a post it note in pages they need support with so we can catch up with them at school.

CGP books **MUST** be returned on Wednesday for checking .

If children do not complete the tasks and return the books on time, they will be supported with the learning during a lunchtime.



1 | PE Days

PE kit should be in school every day.

Our designated days are **Monday** and **Thursday** but due to hall timetabling and weather conditions, we could do PE at any time so we don't miss out!



2 | Library Day

Badgers - Tuesday

Squirrels and Otters - Friday

Please note that the library will be open during some lunchtimes for the children to change their books.



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

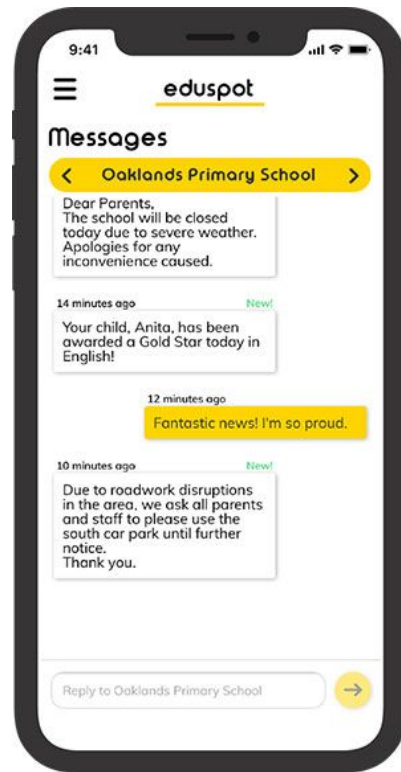
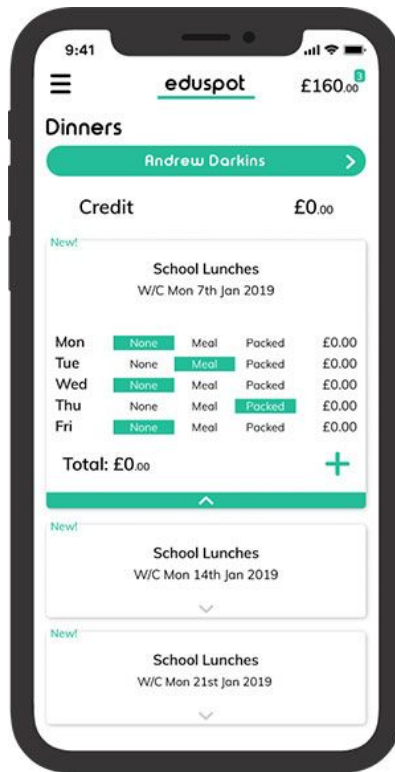
Please make sure
everything is named!





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
12th 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. Then they got to



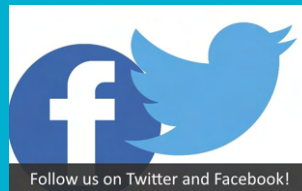
Year 2 – PE
29th June 2023

This half term Year 2 have been enjoying developing their throwing, aiming and agility skills in PE. This week they took part in a carousel of activities to practise what they've learnt. They even 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 Adedokun. 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,

Welcome back to all our Year 2 pupils and their families! We hope that you had an enjoyable break over the half term and have been busy getting ready for the start of the new term. Please keep an eye out for any year group text messages as this is our main method of communicating with you all.

Key vocabulary

axis	A rod on which wheels can rotate.
chassis	A frame on which a vehicle is built.
axle	Wheels rotate round to make wheels.
hedgehog	Animals which use sharp spines for protection.
display	The Hedgehog Festival of Lights.
materials	What objects are made from.
activity	Having properties for a specific purpose.
properties	What a material is for and how it behaves.

Upcoming Dates

07th, 08th & 09th Oct - Whole School Parents' Evening appointments

11th Oct - Remembrance Assembly (Children only)

16th Oct - Year 2 Hedgehog Festival (Please add extra tickets)

08th Oct - Y1 & 2 1st Year 2 Halfway Performance

Kite Festival - Date TBC

Curriculum Newsletter every half-term

Newsletter

June 2023



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Reminder: Sports Day 2023



Welcome back to our final half term of this academic year. We have lots planned, including our Year 2 trip to Crowes, 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 fair, organised by the Friends of QHPS.

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.



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.



KS1 Playground Improvements

Over the half-term, we have been busy making improvements to our playground areas, to add more shade during the summer months and help improve playtimes for children. Please be careful when



Year 3 Wraps



Hedgehog Music Performance



Today 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 <https://www.queenshill.norfolk.sch.uk/>

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 Tuesday 17th October at 3pm.



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	(v) Margherita Pizza with Potato Wedges	Pork and Carrot Meatballs in Tomato Sauce	Roast Chicken with Stuffing	Sticky Chicken with Saagwary Rice	Fish Fingers
Served with	Sweetcorn	Pasta Bites and Mixed Vegetables	Roast Potatoes, Peas, Carrots and Gravy	Mixed Salad	Chips and Peas or Baked Beans
And for pudding	Cocoa Cupcake	Fresh Fruit Selection	Summer Berry Muffin	Vanilla Ice Cream	Zesty Lemon Shortbread with Orange Wedges

Subject to change

Week Order: 17 Apr | 8 May | 5 June | 26 June | 17 July | 14 Sept | 9 Oct

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Enrichment



Autumn Term - Viking Day

We are hoping to have some visitors joining us and there may be a small charge to cover the cost.

Castle Visit either in the Spring or Summer Term

Summer Term - Eaton Vale.

Details to follow



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

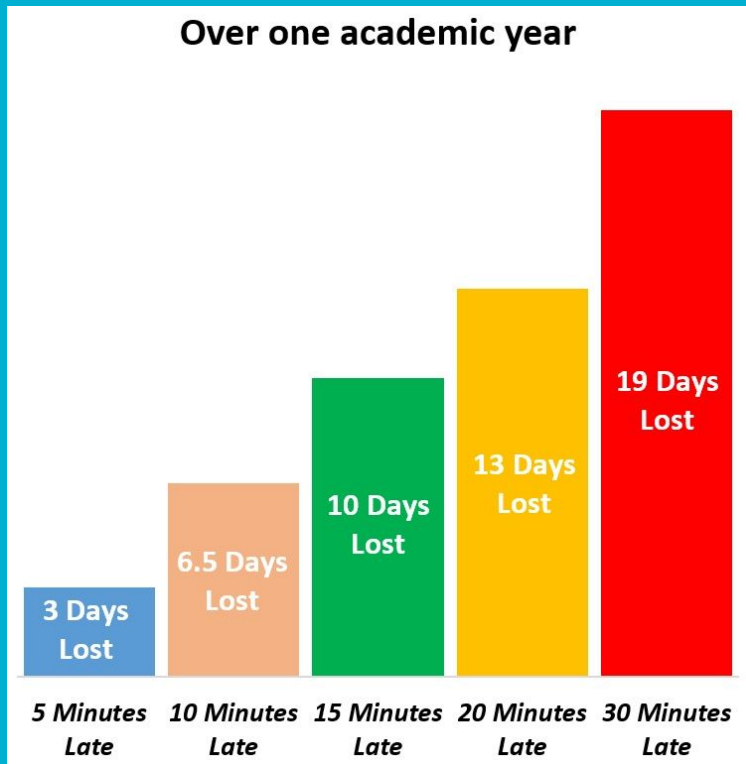
Children who rarely miss school and come on time are more likely to feel good about themselves. This is because they know what goes on and what to expect, feel more confident with the adults and the other children.

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.

Volunteers

If you (or grandparents) have any time free and would like to support with readers or trips across our school, please contact the office and leave your details.



Any Questions?

