



Dragonfly Class



Autumn Term 2026

Dear Parents and Children,

I hope you all had a lovely Summer, with lots of time to rest and enjoy the sunshine with friends and family. We are excited to start a new school year with lots of exciting opportunities and activities to complete during the autumn term.

This term's topic will be focussed around the country of Brazil. The children will be developing a geographical understanding of its location in the world as well as exploring the physical and human features and key landmarks which make it special. We will go on to find out about how urbanisation and tourism has impacted the country both positively and negatively by looking at a variety of scenarios and sources. They will also have the opportunity to experience a well-known festival through an immersive day of activities and fun! In Science, we will be exploring sound. The children will carry out several investigations to develop their understanding and test their scientific thinking through predicting, fair-testing and concluding.

Homework:

Reading: Please read with your child every day. We expect children to read for at least 15 minutes each day. They may choose books of a suitable level, from home or the school library which they will have the opportunity to change frequently. Please take some time to discuss choosing a suitable book (not judging a book by the cover) and ensuring it is a book that will both be challenging but not too demanding. To ensure children are developing a deep understanding of a text, please also continue to ask questions where they need to retrieve information, infer and predict based on what they have read. We hope to continue to foster a love of reading in all children as it is such an important part of every child's learning and benefits every aspect of life. Please ensure children record their reading in their school diary as these will be checked weekly.

Maths: It is important for all children to continue to practise their times tables to develop a good fluency which sets a basis for their maths learning. Year 4 will be working towards their Multiplication Tables Check which requires a fast response and quick recall of all times tables up to 12 x 12. Year 6 will find it vital to know their times tables quickly in order to complete their SATs successfully and continue to practise their other skills. Please make use of the school's subscription to TT Rockstars as each child has a log in. Children will also be set a weekly maths sheet tailored to the learning within the classroom to solidify new learning. This will go home on Fridays and should be returned the following Friday.

Spellings: Appropriate spelling lists will be sent home once a week on Fridays and the children will be assessed on a weekly basis. Children will also be taught / practise spellings in school.

Homework grid: Each term the class will receive a homework grid with different homework tasks on. Children will need to choose 2 tasks to complete from the grid each half term. These should then be brought into school to share with the rest of the class. The homework grid will be attached, please do get in touch if you do not receive one or it becomes lost.

P.E. – P.E days will be *Thursday* mornings, please come dressed in your *named* PE kits on Thursday ONLY. Swimming will continue to take place on Thursday mornings until otherwise informed, please send in swimming kit and a towel in a bag, to get changed at school.

Water bottles – Please could you ensure your child has a named water bottle in school. There are spare bottles in school if you are unable to provide one.

If you have any questions or concerns about the term ahead, please feel free to get in touch via email or in person.

Yours sincerely,

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