

# FRENCHAY C. of E. PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## Griffin Class newsletter for terms 1 and 2

### **Welcome back!**

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable summer holiday and are now ready for a busy and exciting year of work ahead.

<p>In Mathematics we will be learning about...</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place value. We will be looking at how to represent numbers in different ways using numbers, words and pictures. We will be using number lines to find values and help us to estimate and place value charts to show different amounts.</li> <li>• Addition and subtraction.</li> <li>• Multiplication and division.</li> </ul>
<p>In English we will be learning about...</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quest/ fantasy stories (The Wolves in the Walls by Neil Gaiman).</li> <li>• Non-chronological reports.</li> <li>• Overcoming the monster stories.</li> <li>• Instruction texts.</li> </ul>
<p>In Science (on a Thursday afternoon) we will be learning about...</p>	<p><b>Year 3 with Ms Williams:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Movement and Feeding.</li> <li>• Light and Shadows.</li> </ul> <p><b>Year 2 with Ms Pickering:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uses of Materials.</li> <li>• Living Things.</li> </ul>
<p>Our topic over the next two terms will be The Anglo-Saxons. Within our topic we will be looking at:</p>	<p><b>Art and Design</b>                  We will improve our fine motor skills by creating some 2D and 3D art work. We will make a Saxon helmet and shield learning about different designs and creating our own Saxon inspired crest. We will experiment with mark making and basic sketching techniques to allow us to draw and render successfully.</p> <p><b>Humanities</b>                  We will trace Saxon history in Great Britain and look at how and why they arrived in this country, and how they lived. We will even make some Anglo Saxon food! We will study the gods of the Anglo Saxons and look for clues to understand the fall of the Anglo Saxons using the Bayeux Tapestry.</p>
<p>Within Computing we will be looking at:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to stay safe when using the internet.</li> <li>• How to use internet search engines effectively for research.</li> <li>• How to make a PowerPoint presentation including moving sections and timings.</li> <li>• Google maps.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Programming unit.</li> <li>• Data unit.</li> </ul>
Within French we will be looking at:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Common greetings.</li> <li>• Colours.</li> <li>• Numbers.</li> <li>• Classroom commands.</li> <li>• Asking and answering questions about name and age and family members.</li> </ul>
Music	The children we be learning the J-Sax (a simplified saxophone) every Tuesday morning for 10 weeks.
Within RE (with Ms Williams) the topic will be:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why is the Bible important for Christians?</li> </ul>

Additionally...	<p><b>Our teaching days</b> Ms Williams will teach Griffin Class every Monday, every other Thursday morning, Thursday afternoon and Friday. Ms Witherow will teach Griffin Class every Tuesday, Wednesday and every other Thursday morning.</p> <p><b>P.E.</b> Please ensure that your child has a PE kit in school every <b>Wednesday</b> and <b>Friday</b>. We will have lessons in the hall and outside dependant on weather. Please ensure your child comes with suitable clothing for both eventualities. Also, please ensure that any children that have earrings are able to take them out for PE, unless they have been recently pierced in which case the children will need to bring in and apply micropore tape to cover them. Long hair should also be tied up at all times. If sports kits need to be washed, they can be taken home over the weekend.</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> Can you please remember to inform the office if any of your contact details change e.g. email address, mobile number, home address etc so that we are able to contact you. If you are not currently receiving text updates or email copies of letters from the school and you wish to do so, please see Mrs Lake in the office.</p> <p>Please ensure that your child comes to school with a <b>suitable waterproof coat</b> every day to keep them warm and dry at playtimes and lunchtimes.</p>
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### Home learning

Area of learning to be sent home.	When and what will be sent home.	When and what needs to be handed back in/how this will be checked.
<b>Spelling</b>	Key Stage 1 and 2 children will be split into smaller phonics/ spelling groups. Spellings that your child has been focusing on will be sent home regularly	Spellings will be regularly assessed in the spelling lessons.

	for your child to learn.	
<b>Reading</b>	This is an ongoing activity that we would anticipate children do 5 out of 7 days a week. This is both independent reading and reading aloud to an adult.	When your child reads independently, please encourage them to fill in a section in their reading journal. When your child has read to you or another adult please write this in their reading journal. We would ask you to ask questions about the texts to help develop the children's comprehension skills.
<b>English and Topic</b>	At the beginning of each term, your child will be given an open-ended project to complete based on their current topic. Ideas for activities will be provided.	The class teacher will provide a date for the projects to be back in; this will be towards the end of a term.
<b>Maths</b>	Ongoing times tables and corresponding division facts to recall at speed. By the end of <b>year 3</b> , children need to know 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10x tables. By the end of <b>year 4</b> , children need to know all the times tables to 12.	Times tables assessments to be completed in class.
<b>Maths</b>	Every two weeks, a mental arithmetic test will be sent home for your child to complete. The correct answers will also be given so that you can mark their questions with them.	Completed and marked sheets to be brought back to school on the dates given.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Kind regards,  
Ms Julia Williams and Ms Bethan Witherow  
(Griffin Class)