

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Spring Term offers us opportunities to delve into new and exciting topics of learning and deepen the learning we have already been doing since September. If you do have any questions or concerns, would like ideas of how best to support your child at home, then please do via office@tunstead.norfolk.sch.uk or through the Google Classroom.



or
email us

Topic

In topics lessons during the first half term we are learning how to draw portraits and self-portraits, we will study The British Isles in Geography, E-safety in Computing and testing the variables that make a simple electric circuit work in Science. We will be enhancing this learning through inviting in a professional electrician as a guest speaker.

In the second half term we will be studying landscapes in art and creating our own seascape using different painting techniques, we will be investigating how to grow healthy plants in Science, designing and making a pencil case from fabric and delving into the intriguing history of The Tudors to compare past and present. We will be supporting learning through a visit to the local Hoveton Hall Estate Gardens.

Maths

In Maths the work we do in school is based around the three principles of fluency, problem solving and reasoning. We complete work from the Power Maths scheme with lots of emphasis on practising and solidifying number systems and number sense through the use of a range of manipulatives available to the children, including things such as part-whole models, tens frames, counters, number lines, rekenrek and bead strings.

English

We will start the term with fairy tales, based on Little Red Riding Hood. Our focus will be on characterising a villain using lots of descriptive language including alliteration and expanded noun phrases. We continue to learn our model text through Talk for Writing which allows us to learn the template of a text and then invent our own to fit this. We will also be studying calligrams as word shape art as well as as shape poems and then moving onto writing our own Non-Chronological Report about an animal of choice.

PE

PE this term will continue to be on Mondays with a focus on developing fundamental movement skills. Forest Schools will continue on Tuesday afternoons. Can all clothing for each of these activities be named clearly to avoid any losses.

Homework

Spellings will be sent home each week on a Friday to be practised at home and then tested the following week on the Friday. They will be called out-of-order to ensure they have learnt each word accurately.

Reading is our priority in KS1 and so it is vital you spend time reading your child's Little Wandle book five or more times a week as well as enjoying their library book with them. These continue to be changed on a Thursday. The Little Wandle books are changed only after your child has read them x3 times at home and can be swapped on either a Monday or

Thursday. The more your child reads the more entries into our Reading Raffle Scheme they get with prizes up for grabs each half term.

Lastly, please ensure your child brings in a **named water bottle** each day filled with fresh water. We offer fruit or vegetables as a snack each day at break time but if they wish to bringing in their own healthy snack please do (no chocs or crisps please).

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to a good term.

Mrs Beckett, Mrs Shipley and Mrs Payne.