

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term in Conifer Class. We hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break. If you do have any questions or concerns, or would like ideas of how to best support your child at home, then please do email us via office@tunstead.norfolk.sch.uk or through the Google Classroom.

Topic

In topic lessons during the first half term we will be learning about byzantine monuments in art, we will study the war of the roses in history, we will study branching databases and simulations in computing and studying London and the south east of the United Kingdom in Geography. We will be learning about greetings in French and states of matter in science.

In the second half term we will study electricity in science, we will be making ratatouille and cous cous in design technology, learn about the geography of Japan and presenting information in computing.

Maths

In Maths the work we do in school is based around the three principles of fluency, problem solving and reasoning. Children are expected to be confident in all areas and the work we completing school will reflect this. We use the White Rose curriculum, alongside Power Maths. All children have log-in details for Times Tables Rockstar.

Children are expected to regularly use this, as part of their homework, to improve their times tables knowledge and speed of recall. The website for this is <https://trockstars.com/> This term the year 4's will be completing their times table check, so the more practice you can do at home to improve fluency, the better.

English

We will start the term by writing a wishing tale and then will move onto persuasive writing and creating adverts. We will also be creating our own riddles. We will continue to learn our fiction and non-fiction texts through Talk for Writing, learning a model text and then innovating and using our own ideas based on the structure of the text.

P.E.

PE this term will be on Tuesdays . Please can you ensure all your children's items for PE are named please.

Homework

Spelling homework will be given out on a Monday and be tested on Friday. The spellings will be on Purple Mash which will include doing the weekly quiz if they wish, the children will also have paper copies of spellings to learn at home.

Maths homework is in the form of times tables practise on Times Tables Rockstars and Maths Flex. There is a strong emphasis on learning the times tables in Key Stage 2 so that children are able to apply the facts in their learning and for the statutory multiplication check at the end of year 4. We encourage the children to read daily at home either to an adult or independently. If the children read 4 times within a week they will earn their house 5 house points. If your child reads 4 times each week within a half term they can choose some prizes from the prize pot.

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