

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the autumn term in Conifer Class. We hope you all had an enjoyable summer holiday. 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](mailto:office@tunstead.norfolk.sch.uk) or through the Google Classroom.

### Topic

In topic lessons during the first half term we will be learning about spatial awareness- the globe and how to interpret maps in Geography, sew key ring decorations in DT and learning about the Iron age and stone age in history and the human body in science. In art we will experiment with line.

In the second half term we will study cycles of nature in science, learn about Ancient Egypt in history and settlements in Geography. In art we will study still life. We will also follow the charanga music scheme across the term and Rigolo for our French.

### 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 complete in 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/>

### English

We will start the term with some work based around handwriting, spelling and sentence construction. We will then write portal stories. We will also write explanations and learn and innovate some performance poetry. 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 Wednesdays. We will be swimming this term, so your child will need a swimming kit, including a swimming hat, goggles, swimming costume and towel. 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. Children will be given a paper copy of the spellings and it will also be available on the Purple Mash website to practise. The spelling pattern will be taught in school too.

Maths homework is in the form of times tables practise on Times Tables Rockstars. 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