

Reach Up, Reach Out in Investigator Class



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Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to school after a time of such uncertainty. I hope that you are all able to find some normality in the weeks to come. It has been an absolute pleasure to spend the last 3 days in class with your children.

This term our topic is 'Battles'. We will be studying some battles which changed the course of history in our country since 1066. There are many to choose from, but the few we have chosen plan to reflect the beliefs and aspirations of our people at that time and which will give opportunities to discuss and explore the things in history that have impacted our lives today. Please see the following page for an outline of the topic.

PE days for this term are Tuesday and Wednesday for Year 4. Year 5 have PE on a Tuesday and they will be attending Forest School on a Wednesday. Please can children come to school wearing their PE kit on their PE days, they may need some navy tracksuit bottoms or base layers and a school jumper/hoody for the coming colder days. Year 5 children need to come into school wearing school uniform on a Wednesday and change into Forest School clothing with waterproof shoes or wellies, to be brought in in a separate bag please. They will need to bring PE kit in on other days if they are doing sports clubs.

This term, maths homework will be given every Thursday to be returned the following Thursday. Spellings and dictation will also be given and tested on Thursdays. The spellings will be both on the website and in your child's planner.

Due to the current circumstances, we will be using outside spaces in school as much as possible, please can you ensure your child has a waterproof jacket/coat and a sturdy spare pair of shoes everyday as our class will be using the walled garden daily during break and lunch times; even if it is wet under foot.

If you have any questions or wish to meet with me, please arrange a time with Mrs Sedwell in the office. We do have a class email address: investigators@nettlebed.oxon.sch.uk which can be used but please understand that emails to this address may not be read as frequently due to teaching commitments.

I look forward to meeting you all in due course.

With best wishes,

Mrs Burbedge

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday JH to teach am	Friday
8.40 – 9.00	Early Work Registration	Early Work Registration	Early Work Registration	Early Work Registration	Early Work Registration
9.00 – 9.30	Phonics/SPAG	Phonics/SPAG	Phonics/SPAG	French	Phonics/SPAG
9.30 – 10.45	English	English	English	English	English
10.45 – 11.00	BREAK TIME				
11.00 – 12.15	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths Homework Marking	Maths
12.15– 1.15	LUNCHTIME				Lunch 11.45 – 12.30
1.15 – 1.45	Relaxation & Register Reading	Relaxation & Register Reading	Year 4 and 6 DW – Relaxation, Register & reading 1.15 – 1.45 PE 1.45 – 2.40 PSHE 2.40 – 3.20 Year 5 KB – Forest School 1.15pm – 3.15pm	Relaxation & Register Reading	Reach Up Reach Out Assembly 12.30 – 12.45
1.45 – 2.30	Topic	PE		Spelling Test	Teacher PPA time Children Nurture time
				Topic	
2.15 – 2.25	AFTERNOON PLAYTIME	AFTERNOON PLAYTIME		AFTERNOON PLAYTIME	
2.25 – 3.20	Topic	Topic		Topic	
3.20 – 3.30	Home time	Home time	Home time	Home time	

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Writing

Our writing this term will use non-fiction reports and recounts as well narrative adventure writing as we look at different battles and engage in the stories of battle history.

Reading

We will be looking at a variety of texts that give insight into different battles in British history. Alongside class texts, it is expected that everyone read a fiction book daily at home that can also be brought into school for our daily reading sessions. Reading comprehension and guided reading will be taught during English lessons further improve these skills

PHSCE

This term we will be discussing our feelings and emotions, attempting to categorise them into zones and exploring how we regulate our bodies when we experience big feelings

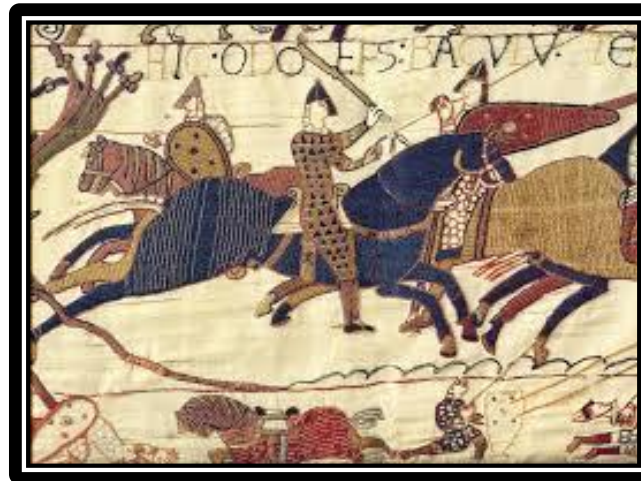
PE

PE for Y4 is on Tuesday and Wednesday. Year 5 will have PE on Tuesday afternoons and Forest School on Wednesday afternoon.

BATTLES THAT CHANGED BRITISH HISTORY

September 2020

In our topic this term we will be looking at some battles which changed the course of history in our country in the last 1000 years.



DT

In Design and Technology, we will look at food designed especially for festivals or celebrations, such as harvest.

Music

This term we will developing our ability to recognise, and use, pentatonic scales and create short melodies

Art

We will have opportunities for observational drawings and sketching to develop line depth and texture. Artistic depictions of some famous battles will also be studied.

Science

This term our topic is 'sound'. We will be studying what sound is and how sound energy travels through different materials and exploring the differences between them and include how we hear the sounds around us.

RE

This term we will be considering how the strength of belief increases commitment and builds unity for people of the same faith.