

Spruce Class

Summer Term April 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you've had a lovely Easter break. We are looking forward to a great term full of fun and engaging learning opportunities centered around our topic: 'Britain'.

Our English work this half term will be focused on the book *Suffragette: The Battle for Equality* by David Roberts. This beautifully illustrated text tells the story of how women won the vote in the United Kingdom over a century ago. The children will learn to write explanation texts, incorporating features such as headings, subheadings, annotated diagrams, and captions. They will use information, rhetorical questions, and fronted adverbials to create engaging and informative texts.

In the second half of the Summer Term we will be focusing on the features of persuasive texts, culminating in writing a persuasive letter. The children will also collaborate on producing a presentation about a woman who changed history.

In Science, the children will be learning all about our circulatory system. They will find out all about the part that the heart, blood vessels, veins play and look at the effect of exercise on our bodies. After half term, our focus will be on animals, including humans. We will look at stages of the human life cycle and changes that happen to us during puberty.

In our DT lessons we will find out about foods that come from different parts of the UK, as well as having the opportunity to taste them and Art will be looking at examples of modern art and experimenting with the techniques that artists have used in their work.

Maths lessons are split into two separate lessons for lower key stage 2 (yrs 3-4) and upper key stage 2 (yrs 5-6).

Lower Key Stage 2 – Years 3 & 4

Weekly Events

Daily – Reading books, snack and water bottles are needed. Please remind children not to bring in toys or pencil cases as all the required equipment is provided at school.

Tuesdays – Scouts with Mr Hopkinson

Thursdays – PE outdoors (weather permitting)

It has been fantastic to see the children reading at home and enjoying a range of stories and non-fiction texts. Please ensure your child records their home reading using **Boom Reader** to earn rewards.

The school subscribes to **Times Tables Rockstars**. Children have their login info and can access this from home.

The children will occasionally be bringing home some work, e.g. maths or spelling, to support their learning. We would appreciate your support with encouraging them to do this.

Children will be building on prior learning on fractions and introducing decimals. They will be focusing on money including converting pounds and pence, adding amounts and finding change. The Y4 children will also be preparing for the multiplication test which all children in the country take at the end of Lower KS2.

Upper Key Stage 2 – Years 5 & 6

This half term we will be introducing ratio and algebra as well as recapping and extending the children's knowledge of position and direction, shape and statistics. The Year 6 children will be recapping all the skills they've learned throughout KS2 to prepare them for the upcoming SAT tests in May.

We are looking forward to spending more time learning outside and taking advantage of the better weather as well as all the other exciting things to look forward to including practicing for our end of term play, athletics lessons and sports day.

We regularly add to the Learning Pi App with children's learning and progress at school. Please feel free to comment or to add some of the activities or achievements that children do at home, it would be lovely to see them.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns, I'm always happy to help.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Etteridge