

## Diamonds Class Newsletter -January 2024

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope you have all enjoyed your Christmas break and wish a very happy new year to you all!

We will be following the National Curriculum as detailed below.

English	As per national curriculum
Maths	As per national curriculum. All subject areas are covered through investigation
Science	This term we will be looking at Forces and Magnets/Electricity
DT and Art	First half term -In Art we will be exploring "Viewpoints" Second half term- In DT we will be designing and creating alarms
History and Geography	First half term - We will be looking at "Windrush." Second half term- Our Geography subject will be "countries of the world
RE	First half term - "What is the Trinity and why is it important to Christians?" Second half term- "For Christians what is the impact of the Pentecost?"
Computing	First half term -"Algorithms & Programming." Second half term- "Data & Information."
PE * Thursdays	First half term- Daily swimming lessons Second half term- Gymnastic skills and routines.
PHSE	First half term - <i>Aiming High</i> . Second half term- <i>It's My Body</i> .
Music-Composition	<b>Musical focus:</b> Beat and beat division (minims, crotchets, and quavers), early tuned percussion techniques, structure (palindrome), ensemble playing, texture (layers - adding and taking away), C major scale, alternating chords C and G major. <b>Pieces:</b> <i>The Clock Song</i> by Steve Grocott, <i>Scales and Arpeggios</i> by Richard Sherman; Robert B. Sherman.
French	The first half of the term is the topic <i>Family &amp; Friends</i> and the second half term's topic is entitled <i>Time</i> .

Our reward system of Merits and commendations will continue with a focus on rewards for reading at home/completing homework tasks/effort & behaviour in school.

You can best support your child by:

### REGULAR READING

Please listen to your child read to you every night if at all possible. Being able to read is such a boost to children's self-esteem and obviously opens up the rest of the curriculum.

A competent reader will progress not only with their writing and spelling but will also be more confident in other subjects.

### Homework

Regular homework in Key Stage 2 will be reading, spellings and times tables. Tests or spellings and times tables will be on a Thursday morning. Other pieces of homework may be given on occasion and these will be topic based.

## **BOOK BAGS**

Please check your child's book bag daily for letters etc

## **WATER BOTTLES**

Whatever the weather, please provide your child with a named bottle of water to keep in the class during the day.

## **\*PE KIT**

PE kits need to be kept at school and taken home on the last day of each half term for washing and sizing checks!

Your child will need suitable PE footwear (Velcro trainers unless your child is able to do their own laces please!) and clothing as per our uniform policy.

Having a named kit that fits makes for a much smoother day for your child! By having an outdoor and indoor kit at school, your child will be prepared for PE no matter what the weather is doing.

As always, please feel free to contact me through e-mail [n.roberts@ridgmont-lower.og.uk](mailto:n.roberts@ridgmont-lower.og.uk) or via Class Dojo if you have any concerns whatsoever.

Thank you so much for your on-going support.

*Nikki Roberts*

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