

LKS2 Class Newsletter – Autumn Term 2025

Dear Parents,

We hope you have all have an enjoyable summer and we welcome you all. Now your child is in Year three or four, they will be presented with greater challenges. At lower key stage two, the aim is to cover the required subjects with a higher focus on independent work where possible.

English	<p>The term's fiction topic is <i>Stories on a theme: "Feeling at home"</i> The children will compare texts and develop their spelling, punctuation and grammar knowledge too. They will write their own stories and cover reading comprehension.</p> <p>The term's non-fiction topic is <i>Instructions</i> with a focus on Keeping Healthy. We will explore paragraphs and headings, possessive apostrophes and commas and write instructions and letters of explanation. We will also cover reading comprehension, SPAG (Spelling and grammar) and composition units.</p> <p>The term's poetry topic is <i>Humorous poetry: I Bet I Can Make You Laugh!</i> We will explore a range of different forms of poetry through discussion and comparison. we will also look at performance and choose a preferred poem to rehearse and perform</p>
Maths	<p>In maths, the topics that will be covered are <i>Place Value, Addition & Subtraction, Multiplication & Division Time, Fractions and Shape</i>. After each mini-topic, there will be a formal assessment. In Diamond class, we will continue to have a focus on times tables and the children will be tested each Friday.</p>
Science	<p>Light, shadow and sound.</p>
DT	<p>Packaging.</p>
Geography	<p>In the Desert.</p>
History	<p>Pre-Historic Britain.</p>
RE	<p>How is faith expressed in Hindu communities and traditions? How is faith expressed in Sikh communities and traditions?</p>
Computing	<p>Data and information: Data logging</p>
Art	<p>Insects.</p>
PE	<p>Hockey, cricket and Parkour. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE uniform on Wednesdays.</p>
PHSCE	<p>Safety First and TEAM.</p>
Music	<p>This little light of mine and My fantasy football team.</p>
French	<p><i>All about me</i> and <i>Gone shopping</i>. Children will re-visit and learn new associated vocabulary in these units.</p>

REGULAR READING

Please read two or three pages with your child each night. **IT IS VITAL YOUR CHILD READS AT HOME AT LEAST 5 TIMES A WEEK.** We would much rather they read one page a night than 5 pages once a week.

HOMEWORK

Homework will be set every Friday and is to be returned the following Thursday. This will comprise of your child learning spellings and times tables that are tailored to their learning needs. Spellings will be sent home in a folder on a sheet of paper with a space to practise the words for five days each week using the LOOK>READ>COVER>WRITE>CHECK method.

Times tables need to be practiced until children are confident to answer questions out of order.

Please note these are NOT optional tasks 😊

BOOK BAGS

Please check your child's book bag for letters etc and also your emails!! We tend to send most things electronically, so please check your inbox regularly!

WATER BOTTLES

Please provide your child with a bottle of water to keep in the class during the day.

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you have any cause for concern, however small, please do not hesitate to speak to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) or the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL). You may also refer any concerns to the Integrated Front Door Team on 0300 300 8585 (Mon-Thurs 0845-1720hrs and Fri 0845-1620hrs). The out of hours number is 0300 300 8123. Email : IFD@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

As part of our Safeguarding Policy, mobile phones **MUST NOT** be used on school premises. This is to protect you as much as it is to protect the children.

Please visit our school website www.ridgmont-lower.org.uk where you will find links to a wide range of support and advice. Head to PARENTS→USEFUL LINKS AND INFORMATION.

SAFEGUARDING CONTACT INFORMATION

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Please feel free to talk to me after or before school if you have any questions, issues or concerns.

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