



# Diamond Class

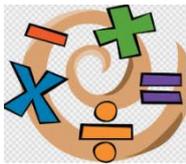


Welcome back! I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back into class and see how excited they were to come in and see each other. There have been a few changes in Diamond Class since the summer term and I hope this newsletter outlines the important information. If you do have any questions or concerns, please speak to me at the end of the day or contact the office and I will call you back after school. Kind Regards, Miss Self.



## Curriculum

**English** - during the autumn term children will be writing formal letters and speeches using the text 'The Princess Blankets' as stimulus. They will then move on to writing fictional narratives using a range of figurative language. During our World War 2 topic, children will use a range of sentence structures to write narratives, dialogue and then recounts.



**Maths** - Over the next few weeks, the children will be consolidating their understanding of place value. They will then move on to the four operations, developing their ability to complete mental and written calculations.

**Science** - During the first half term our science learning will be based on 'Properties of Materials', focussing on conductors and insulators, separation and reversible/irreversible changes. After half term, our science topic will be 'Forces' focussing on gravity, friction, water resistance and air resistance. Children will have opportunities to plan and carry out investigations during both units.

**Geography/History** - we will start with a 'Changing World' unit. Children will learn how landscapes change over time and how climate change is impacting on weather and coastlines. After half term, children will learn about World War 2, with a focus on the Battle of Britain and what life was like on the home front.



**RE** - our learning for the autumn term will be based on Christianity. Children will explore what humans believe that Jesus is God incarnate.

**Art/DT** - will focus on creating 3D Modroc figures, based on the work of Alberto Giacometti. After half term, they will combine DT with Computing to design, create and programme floor robots.

**PSHE** - Our PSHE key questions will be 'How can we keep healthy as we grow?' Children will be encouraged to consider healthy lifestyle choices, involving food, sleep and exercise.

**Computing** - During the first half term, Mrs Beckett will be teaching the children about E-Safety. They will improve their knowledge of the risks to their online lives. After half term, children will create their own version of the APP Crossy Roads using visual coding.

**MFL** - Ms Jary will be teaching French this term. Children will learn the names of body parts and will revise colours.

### PE/Swimming

Swimming will start on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September, in the afternoon. Children should come into school in the usual school uniform on Thursdays. **PE in school will be on a Friday until Fri 30<sup>th</sup> September and will then change to Tuesdays from 4<sup>th</sup> October.** Children should come into school PE ready. PE Kit should be in line with the School policy (see website)

### Homework/Reading

Children will have spellings to learn and practice each week - these will be set on a Monday and tested in class, the following Monday. All children have now chosen a reading book, which needs to be brought into school each day, along with their reading diary.



Please could children aim to read at home 4 times per week and have their **diary signed by an adult**. If children have read 4 times and their book has been signed by an adult, smilies will be awarded.

Please can children continue to log in to Times Tables Rock Stars 3 times per week. Again, smilies will be given for this each week.

Maths, English and topic project homework will be set over the course of the term.



### Rucksacks/Pencil cases

Children in Year 5 and 6 are permitted to use a rucksack for school. They may also bring in a pencil case from home, containing, pencils, pens, ruler, rubber and highlighters. Please do not send any sharp objects or scissors in with the pencil cases.

