





Autumn 1 Newsletter



Welcome back to school.

We hope that everybody had a great, relaxing summer. We have had a fantastic first week back and

are looking forward to the year ahead with lots of new learning!

Mr Whiteley and Mrs Mawson

#### What are we learning:

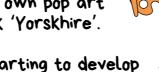
Our topic this term is: How can maps help us understand the world?

In English, we will be writing poetry based on Spike Milligan. We will then move on to writing a narrative about friendship and then writing a set of instructions. We will start the year by focusing on good handwriting and sentence structure, whilst also ensuring that capital letters and full stops are being used correctly.

In maths, our focus will be on place value, and then addition and subtraction. We will also start focusing on our timestables with a weekly timestable quiz.

Our science topic will look at light and how we need it to see things. We will also be exploring how light is reflected and how shadows are formed.

In Art, we will focus on the artist David Hockney and recreating our own pop art inspired versions of his work 'Yorskhire'.



In Geography, we will be starting to develop our map and atlas skills ensuring that we are accurate when using them both.



Our Christian Values



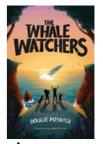
Our Christian values this term are: Thankfulness and Respect

## What are we Reading?

This term we will be reading 'Silly Verse for Kids' by Spike Milligan.



We will also be reading 'The Whale Watchers' by Dougie Poynter.



We will also be reading a range of picture books and short texts linked to our science, geography and writing topics

### Homework

Each week, the homework expectation is:

- Complete the spelling assignment on EdShed:
- Complete 30 minutes per week on TTRockstars
- To read each day, with their school book.

There will be TTRockstars club on Wednesday lunchtimes and Spelling club on Friday lunchtimes to help support anyone Who cannot access the apps that week.

Children may be asked to attend the clubs if they do not do the homework.

If you have lost or cannot access EdShed or TTrockstars, please let me know as soon as possible.

## Reminders

Thursday and Friday are our P.E. days and children need to come into school in their P.E. kits. All jewellery must be removed including earrings.

Reminder: Long hair should be tied back in school.

Please send your child to school with their own water bottle each day.

Snacks at breaktime should be either fresh fruit or vegetables.

Reading books are changed on a Monday. Please keep reading books and records in book bags so that they are in school everyday.

Library Day is Tuesday.

#### Upcoming dates



8th September - KS2 Music day

21st September Individual Photos

9th to 22nd September -Fairtrade Fortnight

5th October - National Poetry Day

10th October - World Mental Health Day

24, 25 & 26th October 2023 -Parents' Evening

# Musician of the month

This half term we will be learning about and listening to music from the following artists:

September – Kate Bush

October - Babatunde Olatunji

If you have any questions

please feel free to get in

touch either by email at

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or come and speak to one

of us on the door.