



**Welcome to Cove Junior
Year 4
Curriculum Evening**

Welcome

- Team Leader: Miss Iamsamang
 - Eagle Class: Miss Patterson
 - Hawk Class: Miss Avery-Clarke
 - Concorde Class: Miss Iamsamang
-
- Learning Support Assistants: Miss Price, Mrs Gear, Mrs Highley
 - PPA cover: Mrs Gear, Mrs Jenkin, Mrs Tudor

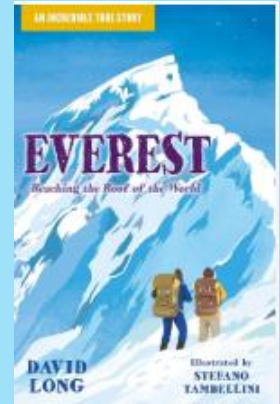
What our year will look like

- Autumn 1 – Go with the Flow
- Autumn 2 – Reaching the Top of the World
- Spring 1 – Tribes, Towns and Togas
- Spring 2 – Let the Inventing Begin
- Summer 1 – SOS (Save our Seas)
- Summer 2 – Heroes or Zeros?

English



- Text-based books - chosen to stimulate and challenge
- Cross-curricular links with topic areas
- Purpose for writing – providing an audience and making a task more exciting
- Taught daily within class
- Regular teaching of cursive handwriting – aiming to earn a pen licence!
- Punctuation and grammar are incorporated into English lessons through the texts



Spelling

- Lessons are three times per week.
- Each lesson begins with a warm-up on grapheme-phoneme correspondences and recently learnt words.
- Words to learn at home will be stuck into the back of Reading Records and will be tested in class on Friday mornings.



Book Talk

Children learn the skills of reading:

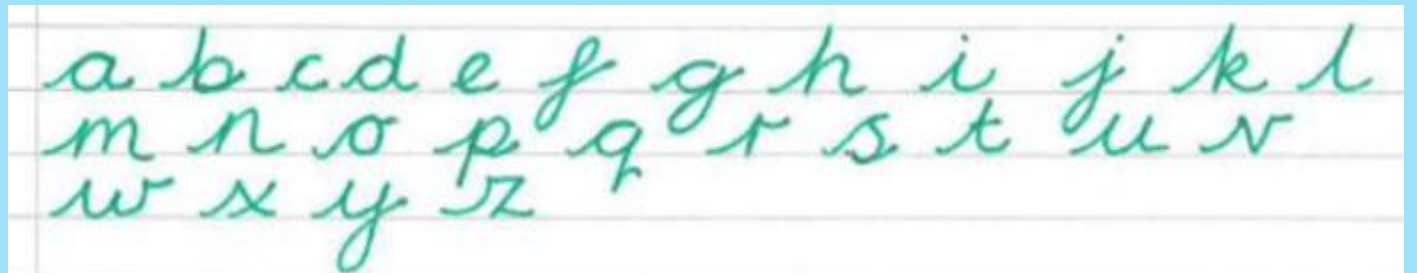
- Unpicking the viewpoint of an author
- Discussing features of a text
- Learning skimming and scanning techniques
- Giving evidence to support a statement
- Making valid predictions
- Responding creatively to a text
- Individual reading
- Book Club / ERIC



On the tables...

<p>Spelling Challenge</p> <p>Join the Dots</p> <p>Write each of your words using dots. Then, join the dots with a coloured pencil to make your word.</p> 	<p>Spelling Challenge</p> <p>Fancy Letters</p> <p>Write each of your words using fancy writing. Your letters could be curly or dotty... or whatever you decide!</p> 	<p>Spelling Challenge</p> <p>Across and Down</p> <p>Write your words across and down, sharing the same first letter. example</p> 
<p>Spelling Challenge</p> <p>Pyramid Writing</p> <p>Write each of your words like a pyramid:</p> 	<p>Spelling Challenge</p> <p>Rainbow Words</p> <p>Write your words out in pencil. Next, draw around each letter five more times using a different coloured pencil.</p> 	<p>Spelling Challenge</p> <p>Blue Vowels</p> <p>Write out each of your words. Go over the vowels in each word using blue pencil.</p> 

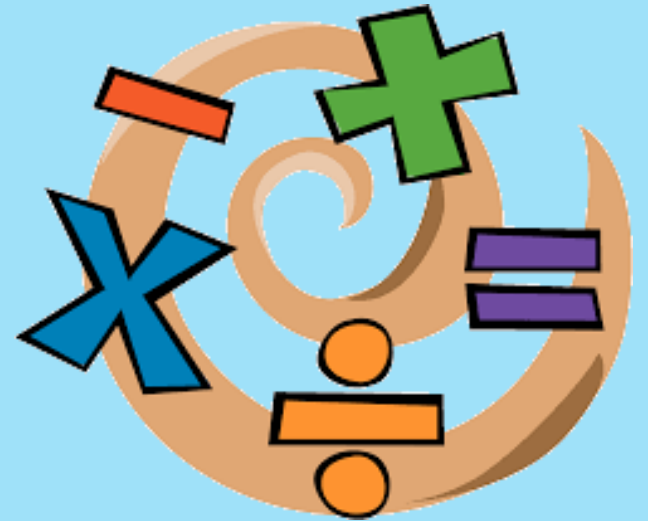
- The books we will be using in English and Book Talk
- Cursive handwriting
- Ideas for practising spellings



Maths

Three key aims:

- Fluency – calculating accurately and efficiently
 - Reasoning – explaining and justifying an answer
 - Problem solving – real life and developing mathematical thinking
-
- Numbers over 1,000 and up to 9,999
 - Focus on mental methods with written methods coming towards the end of the year



Multiplication tables



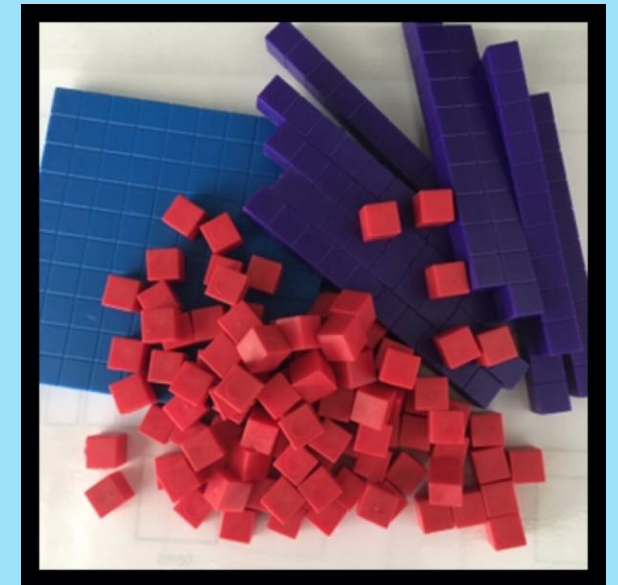
Expectations:

- To practise their times tables every week, as part of their home learning – Times Table Rockstars.
- To be able to recall both multiplication and division facts, out of sequence.
- To complete a TTRS Gig half termly in school, which then needs to be signed by a parent.
- To be tested by teacher or LSA in order to achieve the school awards.
- Statutory Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) Assessment in June

On the tables...



- Information about the different activities within Times Table Rockstars (TTRS)
- How to use concrete resources to support calculations.
- Calculation strategies

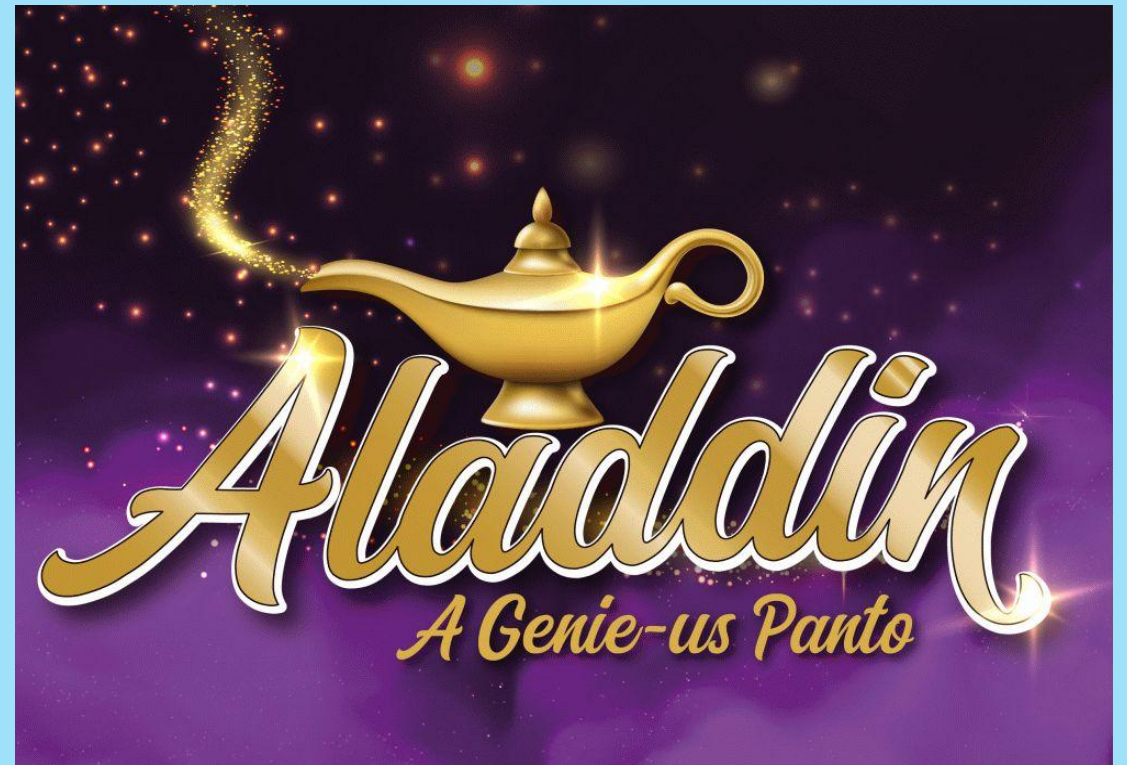


Home Learning

- This year home learning will take the form of optional half termly projects that link to the current topic. This is an opportunity for you to work with your child to produce some high quality, creative and imaginative pieces.
- Ensure your child completes their weekly TTRS homework. Any child who has not completed their TTRS home learning will need to complete it on Friday lunch time in the TTRS lunchtime club. This club is also open to anyone that would like to do extra practice on TTRS or be tested on the school awards.
- Please hear your child read at least 5 times a week. All reading should be recorded in the Reading Record with the page numbers they have read.
- Support your child with learning their 5 weekly spellings.
- Class Reading Journal.

Christmas performance - Aladdin

- Auditions to be held before half term – dates will be shared nearer the time
- Speaking and non-speaking parts available
- Please encourage your child to put their name forward
- Letters will be sent home after half term regarding costumes



Residential – Ufton Court

- Change of location due to rising costs and to try something different.
- Taking place Monday 6th – Wednesday 8th July 2026





Unlock the past!

Freedom to flourish outside the classroom

Ufton Court is a children's experiential education charity, dedicated to giving young people the freedom to flourish through our experiential programmes.

We aim to immerse children into our historical and outdoor learning, through our unique range of resources, experienced educators and our incredible site.

We give children a safe space to learn about themselves, helping them to grow up more confident, curious and capable.



Where is Ufton Court?

Set within 44-acres of beautiful, ancient woodland on the Berkshire/Hampshire border (just 10 miles south of Reading), Ufton Court is a children's experiential education charity and one of the South East's leading providers of history and outdoor learning programmes for UK school trips.

Ufton Court
Green Lane
Ufton Nervet
Reading Berkshire
RG7 4HD





The Manor House

Our Grade I listed Manor House is the perfect setting for an immersive residential experience.

Ufton Court has over 550 years of history. There has even been a manor house on site since at least 1086 as it was mentioned in the Domesday book!



Accommodation

- Accommodation for 67 children and up to 10 adults
- Children sleep in bunk beds, dormitory style – they will be allocated to rooms near their teachers.
- Shower facilities.
- Centrally heated.
- Disabled access bathroom.
- Exclusive use of North and South wings.
- All bedding provided.
- Access to substantial private grounds.





What to expect

A day at Ufton is packed with adventure! Children will take part in exciting activities led by our enthusiastic team, with plenty of breaks to enjoy our freshly prepared, delicious meals and snacks.

Through engaging role-play and fun, hands-on games, children will step into history and deepen their understanding of your chosen topic.



A typical day

Morning

10:00 - Arrival and welcome

10:45 - Activity 1

11:45 - Activity 2

Afternoon

12:45 - Lunch

14:00 - Show to rooms and
fire drill

15:00 - Activity 3

16:00 - refreshment break

16:30 - Activity 4

Evening

17:30 - Dinner or banquet

18:30 - Activity 5

19:30 - Bedtime
routines

Activities

Children who visit Ufton have days filled with fun, from learning the art of mummification, voyaging on a Viking Longship, to searching for Catholic Priests in the Tudor Manor House. Your child will relive the past using our unique resources.

Our knowledgeable Education Team are dedicated to creating exciting and memorable experiences for every child.

More information on our activities relevant to your chosen era can be found on our website.

“Children had the opportunity to learn things in a way that they would not have been able to at school”



Types of activities

- **Military Manoeuvres**

Join the ranks of a soldier in a historical army.

- **Crime and Punishment**

Argue your innocence or face justice at court.

- **Bow Making**

Craft your own bow and take aim to prove your skills.

- **Life on the Farm**

Master the art of farming the way ancient civilisations would have.

- **A Raid or Battle**

Put your newfound skills to the test in a fully fledged re-enactment of famous battles and raids.





Food!

At Ufton, your child will enjoy three delicious, well-balanced meals each day, lovingly prepared by our catering team, plus two tasty snack breaks to keep them energised.

Meals are a time for everyone to come together in the dining room, creating a wonderful sense of community and shared experience.

We accommodate for dietary needs, with our menus carefully planned using the information provided on dietary forms ahead of the visit.

Your school must submit dietary requirements via an online form in advance to ensure catering accommodations can be made.



A sample menu

Here are example meals your child may be served. Only one option is served per meal, and this list is for reference only.

Breakfast: Selection of cereal, toast with butter or jam and fresh fruit

Lunch: Veggie burgers; hotdogs; jacket potatoes; chicken fajita wraps. All served with fresh salad.

Dinner: Mild chicken curry with rice and naan bread; pasta bake with garlic bread and roasted vegetables; sausages and potato gratin served with seasonal vegetables

Desserts: Fruit crumble with custard; sticky toffee pudding and cream; chocolate brownies



Banquet!

As part of our immersive history programme, children take part in a themed banquet that reflects the era they've been exploring—a fitting finale that brings history to life and ties their journey together in a truly memorable way.

This unique dining experience takes place in our historic, tithe barn which is decorated with period-appropriate props, with all guests in costume, allowing children to fully embrace the spirit of the period they are learning about.

The banquet includes banquet roast chicken, roast potatoes, corn on the cob and baskets of bread, finished off with a banquet cake and fresh fruit.



What do the children think?

“I was astonished by how real it actually was”

“This trip was so memorable I will always be grateful for it”

“Thank you for making our trip to Ufton Court the best trip I’ve ever been on”

“I had an amazing time and I would love to come again”



Our virtual tour of Ufton

From jitters to joy!

If you'd like to explore Ufton Court ahead of your visit, please scan this for a 360° tour!

The House can be viewed by navigating to the main entrance. You'll be able to see the downstairs rooms, dining rooms, bedrooms and bathrooms.



Please remember....

Every day:

- Reading Record – let your child know if there is a note for their teacher
- Reading books
- P.E. kit to be worn to school on a Tuesday (outdoors) and a Thursday (indoors)
- Coat!

• P.E.

- ✓ Hairbands for long hair
- ✓ No earrings
- ✓ Watches off

• Also...

- ✓ Please hear your child read at least 5 times a week
- ✓ Names in **all** items of clothing and water bottles
- ✓ No jewellery except stud earrings and wrist watches

