



Year 4 Parent Information Evening

2024-2025

Welcome

- Team Leader: Mrs Greenwood
 - Eagle Class: Miss Patterson
 - Hawk Class: Mrs Greenwood and Mrs Viney
 - Concorde Class: Miss Freeman
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- Learning Support Assistants: Mrs King, Mrs Gear, Miss Gordon
 - PPA cover: Mrs Gear, Mrs Jenkin, Mrs Tudor

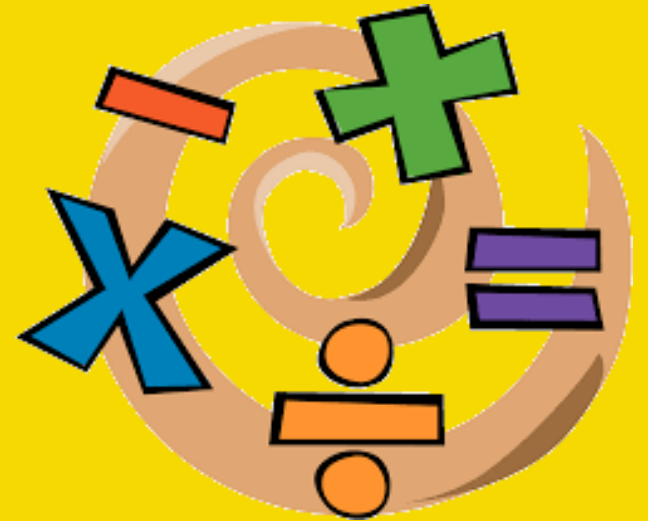
What our year will look like

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

Maths

Three key aims:

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



Times tables

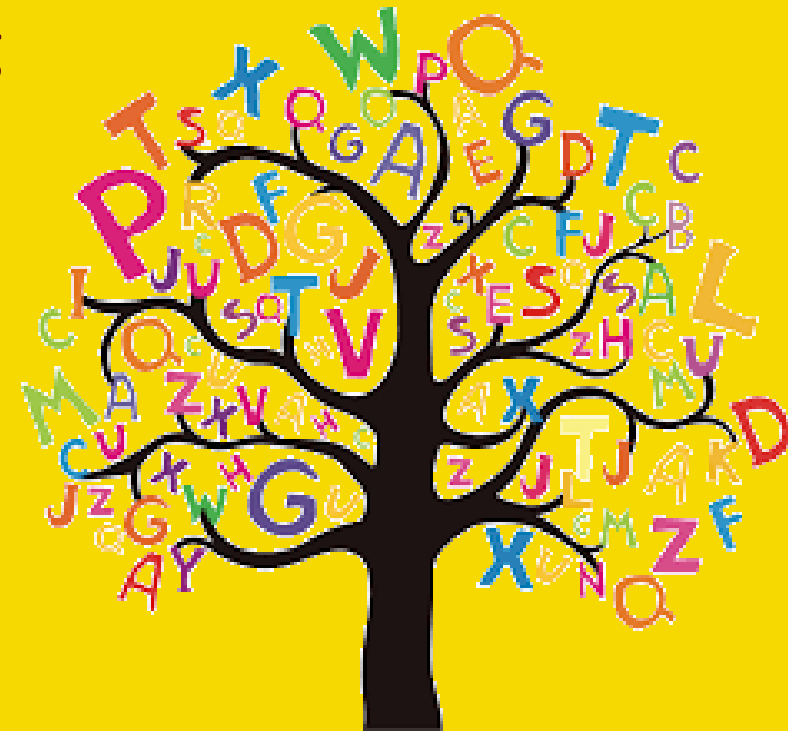
- Practise times tables every week, including Times Table Rockstars homework
- Mrs Nielsen is running a club on a Friday lunchtime to practise
- Let us know if you are struggling to it access at home
- National Curriculum calls for children to be able to recall both multiplication and division facts, out of sequence, up to 12×12
- Children are tested in school in order to achieve the school awards
- Statutory Multiplication Tables Check in June

English

- Text-based with 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 Reading Records.



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



Reading for pleasure

- The children will continue to have a reading book at their reading level and a book from the library.

Did you know...

77%

of people with average or higher literacy skills earn a high income. They are more likely to be employed in professional positions.



Reading for pleasure is a better indicator of a child's performance at school than their socio-economic background.

Home learning project

- Each half term's learning is based around a topic and the home learning will reflect that.
- This is an opportunity to work alongside your child to help produce some high quality, creative and imaginative pieces of work.
- The project will be given near the start of the half term to be shared at the end of the topic.

Christmas performance

- Auditions to be held before half term
- Speaking and non-speaking parts available

Calshot

- Taking place in July 2025 – Dates to be confirmed



Costing

- The overall cost last year was £310, we don't the cost for this year yet
- This covers:
 - All of the activities with a ratio of 1-10
 - 3 hot meals a day and snacks in between
 - 2 nights of accommodation
 - Transport
 - Travel insurance



Skiing at
Aldershot is
£15 per
hour

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, financial assistance may be available and can be discussed so please contact us.

The Master Plan

- We would leave school around 9:30am on the Friday and arrive back around 3:15pm on the Sunday.
- A lot of the activities take place in the hangers so very little is weather dependent.
- We have our own group manager, and each group has their own leader for the weekend which means that the leaders get to know the pupils.
- All leaders are trained in all activities which gives us flexibility if we need to make changes.

Why Calshot?

- Hampshire County Council Centre
- Quality of provision & equipment is superb
- Group instructors & course director
- Accommodation
- The food is simple but good
- Weather very rarely impacts on the trip

Food

- The pupils get a choice at breakfast, including a cooked option and cereal.
 - There is usually a hot option at lunch, along with a salad bar.
 - There is then a hot evening meal.

 - There are always at least two choices, one being a vegetarian option. The children can pick what they would like to eat.
 - They can cater for any dietary requirements – you just need to tell us in advance.

 - Between activities, the pupils have snacks, usually flapjack or a muffin.
 - School provides a drink and a biscuit in the evening.

 - The only food you need to provide is a packed lunch for the first day.
 - You do not need to provide any snacks.
 - We want the children to have fun and to do that they need to sleep.
- There will not be any midnight feasts as they won't sleep, get very tired and don't enjoy the trip.

Sleep Arrangements

- The pupils sleep in 'houses' which have keypads that are unique to our stay.
- There may be other groups on site, but we do not share accommodation with them.
- There are security patrols over the whole site at night.
- There is a teacher on each of the corridors, and the pupils will know which rooms they are in.
- In the evening, we have activities that are school led. This enables us to shift bedtimes to match how tired the children are.
- After the activities, the pupils have time together to have a drink and a biscuit and play some quiet games. They then head off to their rooms for some quiet time. Adults then give them a 10-minute warning to be in bed and another 10-minute warning before lights out. This usually helps to settle the children.
- Before the trip we ask the pupils who they want in their rooms. There is usually 4 children in a room, but this can be altered. We do our best to match them with as many of these people as possible.

There are no hidden extras.

- The children only need to bring old, casual clothes.
- The only 'specialist' kit that is needed is a swimming costume, long socks, a long-sleeved t-shirt and old trainers that will get wet.
- If they have their own gloves, they can bring them.
- They will also need to bring their own bedding (duvet cover etc or sleeping bag).

The Potential Activities

- Shooting
 - Archery
 - Kayaking
 - Sailing
 - Skiing
 - Climbing
 - Abseiling
 - Team Challenge
 - Ringo's
 - Indoor High Ropes
 - Ariel Trek
- All activities have safety equipment provided, and it is exceptionally well maintained.
 - The fact that your child cannot swim is not important as they are not allowed on the water without a buoyancy aid. The instructors will know who the weak swimmers are just in case, and there is always a safety boat out as well.
 - School shapes the activities to suit the maturity and physical abilities of the group.

Example Time Table

	0900-1245			1345-1730			1900-2030	
Friday 16 July	Arrive & settle in, first meal Calshot dinner			1	Ski	Shoot	1	
HW1: 16:23				2	Shoot	Ski	2	Games Evening
HW2: 18:15				3	Archery	Climb	3	
LW: 21:59				4	Ringo/Laser Climb	Climb	4	Games Evening
				5	Laser Climb/Ringo	Climb	5	
Saturday 17 July	1	Climb	Archery	1	Kayak	1		
HW1: 17:19	2	Archery	Climb	2	Kayak	2	Games Evening	
HW2: 19:05	3	Ski	Crate Stack	3	Kayak	3		
LW: 10:22	4	Kayak		4	Crate Stack	Shoot	4	Games Evening
	5	Kayak		5	Shoot	Crate Stack	5	
Sunday 18 July	1	Crate Stack	Ringo/Laser Climb	Aims and objectives:			Finish @ 1230	
HW1: 18:23	2	Ringo/Laser Climb	Crate Stack				Bubbles tbc	
HW2: 19:51	3	Laser/Climb/Ringo	Shoot					
LW: 11:24	4	Ski	Archery					
	5	Archery	Ski					

Home Sickness

- Most children will feel 'home sick' at some point on the trip. This is normal.
- We found having lockdowns and spending so much extra time with parents at home, has made this even more profound for some children and it might be the first time that they have spent time away from family.
- Usually, the pupils are so tired by the second night that they go straight to sleep.
- Usually the excitement of the trip, the enjoyment of being with friends, their cuddle toy/blanket are usually enough to help settle them.
- We can make adaptations to help them. Some have asked to listen to music or to read. Others prefer a door slightly open to allow some light in. Some need a specific friend to be with them.
- We have only ever needed to have one child collected from a trip because they haven't coped. But we have that capability just in case.
- We have found that staying in touch with parents, or chatting with them on the phone, makes the sensation harder for the pupils to manage.

Other Questions you may have.

- We do not have exclusive use of the site, but we do have our own dedicated programme leader, instructors and accommodation.
- Any monies paid are non-refundable **if we have already paid Calshot**. However, there is sometimes a waiting list, or new pupils join our school, so we are able to exchange places.
- The trip can go ahead with 10 children or with 70 children. The only limit on places is group size as the instructors are not allowed more than 10 pupils. We currently have 50 pupil places, but this may be negotiable.
- Each group of 10 has an instructor from the centre and a member of school staff.
- We have managed a massive range of medical conditions on these trips, including; asthma, allergies, diabetes, epilepsy, heart conditions and many more. We can administer medication in line with your instructions – but you need to talk to us.
- Staff highlight to pupils when the good times to shower are, but we do sometimes need to, remind or ‘strongly encourage’ some to go.
- Every corridor has toilets and showers on it.

Please remember....

Every day:

- Reading Record – your child can record their reading. Please ensure they record which pages they have read, such as pages 20-25 rather than 5.
- Reading books

Also...

- Please hear your child read at least 5 times a week
- Support your child with learning their 5 weekly spellings
- Ensure your child completes their weekly TTRS homework
- Names in **ALL** items of clothing and water bottles
- No jewellery except stud earrings and wrist watches
- Children to come in wearing their PE kits on their specific PE days (Monday and Wednesday), with hair tied back and earrings removed