

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the autumn term in Conifer Class. We hope you all had an enjoyable summer holiday. If you do have any questions or concerns, or would like ideas of how to best support your child at home, then please do email us via office@tunstead.norfolk.sch.uk or through the Google Classroom.

Topic

In topic lessons during the first half term we will be learning about spatial awareness- the globe and how to interpret maps in Geography, making cushions using applique in DT and learning about Ancient Greece in history and the human body in science.

In the second half term we will study the classification of creatures in science, continue our studies of Ancient Greece and learn about the Mediterranean in Geography.

Maths

In Maths the work we do in school is based around the three principles of fluency, problem solving and reasoning. Children are expected to be confident in all areas and the work we complete in school will reflect this. We use the White Rose curriculum, alongside Power Maths. All children have log-in details for Times Tables Rockstar

Children are expected to regularly use this, as part of their homework, to improve their times tables knowledge and speed of recall. The website for this is <https://trockstars.com/>

English

We will start the term with defeating the monster stories based around Beowulf. We will also write biographical reports and poetry. We will continue to learn our fiction and non-fiction texts through Talk for Writing, learning a model text and then innovating and using our own ideas based on the structure of the text.

P.E.

PE this term will be on Wednesdays. We will be swimming this term, so your child will need a swimming kit, including a swimming hat, goggles, swimming costume and towel. Please can you ensure all your children's items for PE are named please.

Homework

Spellings homework will be given out on a Monday and be tested the following Monday. The spellings will be on Spelling Frame and all children have a log-in. The spelling pattern will be taught in school too.

Maths homework is in the form of times tables practise on Times Tables Rockstars. There is a strong emphasis on learning the times tables in Key Stage 2 so that children are able to apply the facts in their learning and for the statutory multiplication check at the end of this year. We encourage the children to read daily at home either to an adult or independently. If the children read 4 times within a week they will earn their house 5 house points. If your child reads 4 times each week within a half term they can choose some prizes from the prize pot. Reading comments to be written please on the Google classroom or in their reading record.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to a good term.
Mrs Pleasants and Mrs Durrant