

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of a new year in Conifer Class. 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.

Topic

In science this term we will begin by learning about the human body, including finding out about teeth, parts of the body and their functions and digestion. After half term we will study classification of different animals including insects, fish, mammals and birds.

Our geography topic is about spatial sense, including studying the globe and lines of latitude and longitude, grid references and studying our local area.

In art we will be studying the effect of light and shade in drawing and painting.

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 and 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://ttrockstars.com/>

English

We will write adventure stories this term, followed by biographies. We will continue to focus on handwriting, spelling and sentence structure during our English lessons. We will continue to learn our fiction and non-fiction texts through a Talk for Writing based process, having a model text to base our writing from and then innovating and using our own ideas based on the structure of the text.

P.E.

Conifer class will go swimming on a Monday afternoon. Please can you make sure your child has a swimming costume (one piece for girls), a towel, goggles and a swimming hat that are all named. Conifer class will also have PE lessons on a Wednesday afternoon. Please come dressed for PE on a Wednesday.

Homework

Spelling homework will be given out on a Friday and be tested on the following Friday. Children will be given a paper copy of the spellings to practice each week. The spelling pattern will be taught in school during daily spelling lessons.

Maths homework is in the form of times tables practice 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 Year 4. 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. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to a good term.

Mrs Pleasants, Mrs Aldridge and Mrs Durrant

