We are very excited to welcome the children back to school and we have a brilliant year planned for them. If you have any questions or concerns throughout the year, please email us via office@tunstead.norfolk.sch.uk.

This newsletter is designed to inform you what the children will be learning about in the Autumn Term. Please also take a moment to explore the class web page where you can find all of the knowledge organisers for the foundation subjects.

English
We are going to begin by reinforcing the children's foundational English knowledge over the first few weeks. This will include revisiting sentence types and using colourful semantics. Our first writing unit will be exploring portal stories and is linked to a model text called Elf Road. We will be thinking about nouns, adjectives and prepositional phrases and using commas. Our second writing unit will focus on writing explanation texts. Children will also be learning about performance poetry which will lead to them performing their own piece.

Maths
In Maths the work we do in school is based around the three principles of fluency, problem solving and reasoning. This term we will be consolidating and extending our learning of place value to 1,000 and beyond, using number lines, base 10 and part-whole models to problem solve. We will be revisiting the 4 operations, addition, subtraction, division and multiplication, with focus on our times tables. All children have log-in details for Times Tables Rockstars 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/ if you have trouble logging in, please let us know.

Science
In Autumn 1, children will learn about the human body. This will include learning about voluntary and involuntary muscles and joints. In Autumn 2, we will explore light and find out that light is a type of energy. The children will also look at exploring what opaque and transparent mean.

Geography
We begin the first half term by looking at Spatial Sense. This includes learning about human and physical features and looking at compass points, which will ultimately lead us to comparing Norwich to San Francisco. Children will also begin to learn how to read and write grid references.

History
Children will learn about Britain in the Stone Age in Autumn 2 and will find out how people lived in this period of history. It will also have some links to local history. They will be thinking about the role of archaeologists and how discoveries have helped our learning of the past.

RE
We will learning about the religion of Hinduism. We will develop an understanding of other peoples' cultures and beliefs. Thinking about key questions 'Does visiting the Ganges make a person a better Sanatani?' The importance of the River Ganges to the religion and why they would make a pilgrimage there. What actions are taken at Varanasi because of the belief of Brahman in everything including, the waters of the river.

PSHE
Autumn 1 PSHE unit is 'Getting to know each other', where the children will be learning to recognise their own positive and negative feelings, as well as the feelings of others. Additionally, they will be discussing how their actions can affect others and how to make responsible choices. In Autumn 2 we will be celebrating difference. Conifer will understand that everyone is different and that these differences can sometimes lead to conflict but also be celebrated. Our aim is to use kind words and to ensure they can give and receive compliments.

Computing
To learn correct finger positioning on the keyboard and understand when to use the left or right hand. We will also look about how to use different keyboard functions to place capitals and punctuation correctly.

Art
Children we will be investigating how different lines can be used to create different effects. We will be looking at sketchbooks, using different media to sketch to try out techniques. This will then lead us into creating prints and looking at the artist, Hokusai's pieces based on Mount Fuji.

P.E.
Our P.E. day for this term is a Monday (outside if possible) and we have Forest School on Thursdays. Please ensure that children come into school wearing the correct kit on these days. Swimming will be on Tuesdays, so please send appropriate swimming things for that day.

Homework (given out on Friday to be returned the next Thursday)
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. There may be additional Maths or English homework, this will be work that has been covered in class during that week.

Reading
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 house points. If your child reads 4 times each week within a half term they can choose some prizes from the prize box.

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