

Lower Key Stage 2

Autumn Newsletter

We are delighted to welcome the pupils back to school for the new academic year. The children in Lower Key Stage 2 have settled into their new classrooms really well and are responding well to the return to school rules and routines. Hopefully we will be able to complete the year without further disruption from Covid.

LKS2 TEAM

Class 9 Mrs Wright (Assistant Head Teacher and Team Lead)

Class 8 Mrs Pazos and Miss Robertson

Class 7 Mr Todd

Teaching support: Mrs Bourne and Mrs Howarth

If you have any queries, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instant.

Curriculum

This term we will be working on:

Subject	1 st Half term	2 nd Half term
Science	Living things and their habitats	Animals including humans, Healthy Eating
History and Geography	UK Geography	UK Geography
R.E.	Judaism	Christianity
Art/ DT	Charcoal design (Lowry)	Weaving
Music	Animal Magic	Play it again
PHSE	Being me	Being me
IT	Digital safety	Digital creativity
MFL- French	Getting to know you All around town	All about me On the move

P.E.

All children are required to take part in P.E. lessons which helps keep your child healthy both physically and mentally.

Class 9 - Friday

Class 8 - Friday

Class 7 – Wednesday

Children are expected to bring a P.E. kit for their lesson. They need:

T-shirt, (a sweatshirt could be worn for outdoor lessons in colder weather)

shorts or tracksuit bottoms or leggings (elasticated waists)

Pumps or trainers

Please ensure your child's name is in their uniform particularly jumpers/cardigans and shirts as these can be easily mixed up.

In addition, please can you ensure that if your child has pierced ears that they are either able to remove earrings before a P.E. lesson or that they bring plasters from home that they are able to put over their earrings to minimise the chance of accidents during P.E. lessons. Long hair needs to be tied back.

Facebook

As well as the school Facebook page, we have set up a group for LKS2. If you would like to join the group, it can be found under **Limehurst Lower Key Stage 2**. Please note that you are not able to message on this page.

Snacks.

A selection of fruit and healthy snacks are available at breaks for the children to buy. Children can bring 10-20p a day for snacks or bring their own fruit.

Water bottles can be bought in class on Monday morning for 50p or at break. They are welcome to use reusable water bottles from home.

Homework

Government guidelines advise that children in Year 3 and 4 should complete approximately 1 ½ hours of homework week. Please can you support your children to complete the activities below.

All year 4 children are expected to know all their times tables 1-12 by the end of year 4. Year 3 children are expected to know 2,5, and 10 times tables and will be working on 3,4, and 8 times tables over the year. Children need to practise times tables each week in preparation for a weekly test.

In addition, every child will receive a spelling list in preparation for their weekly test.

At times throughout the year children may receive research-based homework to support their class work

All children are expected to read at home. School continues to subscribe to online reading books at Rising Stars – Reading Planet online. We will send home your child's individual password for Reading Planet where books will be allocated to read.

Every half term, children who have made good progress learning their spellings and tables will be rewarded. We also reward good organisational skills: bringing book bags in daily.

Toys, poppers, fidgets, etc

In Key Stage 2, we would prefer that children leave their toys at home. They can be a distraction in class and can lead to disagreements among the children.

Important Dates

School will be closed to all children on Friday 8th October for teacher training. School will close for Autumn half term on Friday 22nd October and reopen Monday 1st November.