



Newsletter Autumn 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a brand new term and year. I hope you have had a fantastic and restful (where possible) summer. It is great to see the children back smiling and ready to learn.

This newsletter is to inform you of some of the important information and dates about the children's learning and events that are happening this term. Please keep an eye on MyEd for all the latest news and updates regarding events happening at Fishtoft Academy.

You can also keep up to date with the latest news by following us on Facebook and X.

Thanks for you continued support!

Mrs Gray

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Znajdź link do przetłumaczenia tego biuletynu na inny język - [Google Translate](#)

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Important term dates

Year 3/4 Curriculum Evening - Monday 15th September

Individual photos - Monday 29th September

Year 4 school trip - Wednesday 8th October

Parents Evening - Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd October

Last day of term - Friday 24th October

Our Curriculum

Maths:

In maths this term the children will be learning about:

- Hundreds, tens and ones
- Representing numbers to 1000
- Partition numbers to 1000
- Thousands
- Represent numbers to 10,000
- Partition numbers to 10,000
- Flexible transitioning
- Find $\frac{1}{10}$ / $\frac{1}{100}$ / $\frac{1}{1000}$ more or less
- Add/ Subtract 1s, 10s, 100s and 1000s (with and without exchanging)
- Estimating answers
- Inverse operations
- Efficient methods of adding and subtracting

Oak National Academy have some amazing resources to further support your child's learning:

[Free KS2 Maths teaching resources | Page 1 of 2 | Oak National Academy](#)

Times tables :

This year, we will continue to focus on times tables. It was a government expectation that by the end of Year 4, all children should know their times table and division facts up to and including 12 x 12. To continue to support the children with their times tables they will be singing songs and doing times table focused activities as part of their Maths lessons.

Throughout the year, the children will continue to be tested on their times tables to further boost/secure their knowledge and also give them an opportunity to earn their times tables certificates.

Please find below the links to TT Rockstars and Hit The Button which the children can use at home to practice their times tables:

[Times Tables Rock Stars \(ttrockstars.com\)](https://ttrockstars.com) - **TT Rockstars**

[Hit the Button - Quick fire maths practise for 6-11 year olds \(topmarks.co.uk\)](https://www.topmarks.co.uk/HitTheButton)- **Hit The Button**

English:

In English this term the children will be writing to entertain, focussing on the class text, The Cat in the Hat. The children will be writing their own version of the story, learning about to correctly use direct speech, as well as including emotive language, adjectives and conjunctions in their writing. The children will then be moving onto the class text, The Lorax. This will consist of the children learning about poetry, rhyming, and upskilling vocabulary. The children will then be writing their own poems.

Oak National Academy have some amazing resources to further support their learning:

[Free KS2 English teaching resources | Page 1 of 3 | Oak National Academy](#)

Spelling Shed

To help develop the children's spelling, we use Spelling Shed. This program has fantastic games/resources to help the children practice their weekly spellings. The children will be given assignments every week based on a spelling rule and will then be tested in class on that rule the following week.

Please find the link for Spelling Shed below:

<https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb/>

Science

In Science the children will be learning about Electricity. The children will be learning about:

- What appliances use mains electricity?
- How to make an electrical circuit

- How to make a bulb light up
- How can we test electrical insulators and conductors?
- How do switches effect a circuit?

Oak National Academy have some amazing resources to further support your child's learning:

[Simple electrical circuits KS2 | Y4 Science Lesson Resources | Oak National Academy](#)

History:

Our Geography topic for the term is Stone Age to Iron Age. The children will be learning about:

- To construct a basic timeline to sequence events
- To know that Britain was once covered in ice
- To know how to use a case study of an excavation
- To know how to make deductions from evidence about the lifestyle of Stone Age man
- To know how to use appropriate language to describe the change in lifestyle over time
- To know that some recent discoveries are changing the way we think about the Stone Age
- To know how to identify evidence and artefacts that can be used to explain how life changed in the Iron Age
- To know about the relationship between a physical environment, land use and settlement/trade patterns.

Oak National Academy have some fantastic resources to help support your child's learning further:

[Stone Age Britain: what do archaeologists think they know about it? KS2 | Y3 History Lesson Resources | Oak National Academy](#)

Important Info

Boom Reader

Your child will be allocated 3 reading books. We will continue to use Boom Reader to log reading activity. When using this application, could you please log reading with a parent and when the children read to themselves.

To access Boom Reader, please click on the link below:

[BoomReader Parents \(go-read.co.uk\)](https://go-read.co.uk)

If you have any questions or problems, please don't hesitate to come and see me.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Friday and is due in the following Wednesday. The homework is always fully explained to the children and often recaps things they have been learning in class. The children will be sent home with a copy of the pick and mix grid which has the homework for the term on (this is also available on the school's website). If there are any issues or problems with the homework, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Water Bottles

Please ensure that water bottles contain only water as squash and fizzy drinks are not permitted in the classroom. We also ask that all water bottles are named so the children can easily identify theirs and that they are plastic. Glass bottles are not permitted in school.

PlusPay

Fishtoft Academy is a cashless school. To support this, we use an app called PlusPay to pay for a range of things in school (Breakfast/Afterschool club, Trips etc.). If you have any issues throughout the year with PlusPay, please see Mrs Bringeman.

MyEd

Please keep an eye on MyEd as any important information, notices and letters will be posted on the app. We will also post some of the amazing work the children have been doing in class and celebrate some of their successes through our social media platforms. If you have any issues/problems with accessing MyEd please see Mrs Bringeman in the office.

Carrot Rewards

Children can earn a range of certificates based on the amount of Carrot Reward points they earn and at the end of every term the 10 highest earners will win special certificates to celebrate their hard work. As well as this, the Carrot Reward points can be spent in the online shop and the items the children buy will be brought down to the classroom by Mrs. Bringeman

To access Carrot Rewards please click on the following link - [School Rewards Platform | Carrot Rewards](#)

Doors

The playground gates will open at 8:35am and will close again promptly at 8:45am. Anyone arriving after that time will need to go to the office to be signed in. Gates will reopen again at 3:15pm for collection.

We also ask that people are mindful when parking their cars at busy times and be respectful to the local community and each other when parking in the car park. Where possible, we encourage our families to use other methods of getting to school, rather than cars, to ease congestion.

Appointments

If you wish to discuss and problems/issues that arise, then please arrange an appointment at the office with Mrs Bringeman and we will be happy to meet with you.