



St. Nicolas' CE Combined School Taplow

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Y3 Oak Class Curriculum News Summer 2026

Welcome back for the Summer term! We hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break.

We are looking forward to teaching them the amazing topics we have planned for this term. These include light and plants in science and Ancient Egypt in history which we will also link into our art projects. In maths, we will be learning to tell the time to the nearest minute and convert between pence and pounds and pence.

The children need to bring their swimming kit into school on Tuesdays (swim hat and towel) and wear their PE kit. If they wish to wear their swimming costume under their kit in the morning, that is fine but please don't forget to pack underwear! Please ensure **all** items of clothing are clearly labelled with their name. The children also need to wear their P.E kits to school on Thursdays for P.E.



Please make sure that if your child is wearing footwear with laces, they can tie them independently and that earrings are removed or covered by tape.

Please ensure your child is on time to school. We start our learning at 8.45am with some interventions beginning at 8.30am and if they are not here, they miss out on learning opportunities.

Essential Information

Monday	Home learning in Spellings are tested Planner check
Tuesday	Home learning set Spellings set PE day - swimming
Wednesday	
Thursday	Reading books are changed PE day
Friday	Times tables are tested Library day
Everyday	Reading books and planners in school (We check for reading and messages every morning.)

Reading

Reading is important and children are expected to read on a daily basis and record this in their school planner. Make reading fun, engage with the story, ask questions and try reading from a variety of different sources, genres, styles and authors. Reading helps across all areas of the curriculum. It greatly improves vocabulary choices, knowledge and spellings as well as creativity. Recorded reading is rewarded with house points.

Multiplication and division facts

In year 3 we expect the children to learn their times tables ready for Year 4. Please practise these regularly, as they can easily be forgotten! It would be great if children could start wearing an analogue watch to help with telling the time. At home, we encourage you to offer your children opportunities to handle money and practise working out the change, as well as measuring using jugs and scales.

Spellings

It is important for your child to practise their weekly spellings to ensure good spelling in their work and the development of their vocabulary. In the front of their home learning books there is a list of words they must know by the end of Year 4. It is good practice for your child to learn these in their spare time in order to improve their competency in spelling.

Home learning expectations

We expect home learning to be completed on time. **Key home learning**, including spellings, will be set in their home learning book. If your child has any issues with home learning, please make sure they speak to the teacher about it or write us a note in the planner before it is due so we can go through it with them. **Going the Extra Mile** activities are added to the class page of the website weekly.

Art and DT

This term we will be doing a range of art projects. Please make sure your child brings a labelled art smock/ old t-shirt to keep in the art cupboard if they haven't already.

Water bottles and snacks!

A reminder that your child must have a water bottle in school every day and **a fruit or veg snack** for break time.

What will we be learning this term?

Writing

Diary entries, descriptive dialogue, adventure narrative, performance poetry, persuasive writing, traditional poems, monologues, recounts.

Reading

'The Hodgeheg' by Dick King-Smith
'The Scarab's Secret' by Nick Would
'Gran Can You Rap?' by Jack Ousby
'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes

Maths

Fractions, money, time, angles and properties of shape, statistics (pictograms, bar charts and tables), times tables

Science

Plants; Light

History/Geography

Ancient Egyptians; Water and weather

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What is the Trinity?; How are different people inspired by the teachings of Jesus?

PSHE	Being my best; Growing and changing
Art and DT	Ancient Egyptian art; Moving monsters
Computing	Creating media – desktop publishing; Programming – Events and actions
PE	Swimming; athletics; cricket
French	Our school; time

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have anything you wish to discuss. You can catch me on the gate or, for a longer appointment, request a meeting before or after school or a telephone call, via the office.

Mrs Bunce