



St. Nicolas' CE Combined School Taplow

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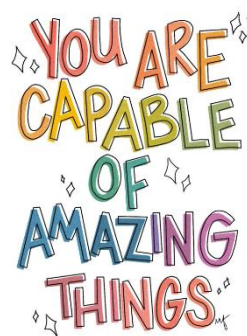
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Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful summer break and are ready for a new school year. It is important that we all start the school year with a growth mindset and 'can do' attitude towards learning, ready to face the exciting learning opportunities we have planned. To do this, it is important that children arrive at school on time, ready to start the day, and that absences are kept to a minimum.



Children are required to sit the national multiplication tables check towards the end of year 4, which tests instant and accurate recall of all times tables to 12 x 12. We will continue to practise our times tables daily in school and times tables should also be practised regularly at home. The weekly 99 club times table test will still be on a Friday. Activities and ideas will be provided on the class page of the school website to help with this.

Essential Information

Monday	• PE day • Home learning due in • Spelling test • Planners are checked	• Please come dressed in PE kit. • Please make sure that if your child is wearing footwear with laces, they are able to tie them themselves. • Please bring in your Home Learning books and planners.
Tuesday	• Home learning out • Spellings given out	• Please come dressed in PE kit.
Thursday	• PE day • Library day	• Please come dressed in PE kit. • Please make sure that if your child is wearing footwear with laces, they are able to tie them themselves. • Bring in your library books
Every day	• Reading books and planners in school. • The 99 club times table test • Ensure you have a named jacket appropriate for the weather. • Labelled water bottles in school.	• We read in school every day for at least 10 minutes - please ensure you have a book. • We go outside for breaktimes even in the rain!

Reading

Reading is an essential part of your child's education. It is important that they read a wide range of books (fiction and non-fiction) to develop their understanding and vocabulary. Please ensure they are reading for a minimum of 20 minutes a day. They need to record what they have read in their planners, including any comments about the book. Reading should be enjoyable and exciting.

Water bottles and snacks

Please make sure your child brings a named water bottle every day and **a fruit or veg snack**

Home learning expectations

We expect home learning to be handed in on time. Key home learning will be set each Tuesday, with Going the Extra Mile activities available on the Class Page. Please ensure they are presenting their work neatly. 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 so we can go through it with them.

Art and DT

This term we will be doing a range of art projects. If you would like to donate any magazines or newspapers to support these projects, it would be much appreciated. Please make sure your child brings a large (adult sized), named old t-shirt or shirt to keep in school to protect their uniform.

Spellings

Spelling lists will be sent home each week to support their learning in school. The children will be tested on these the following week. It is important for your child to practise their spellings – and to be able to understand the spelling rule – to ensure good spelling in their work and the development of their vocabulary.

What will we be learning this term?

English	Fantasy stories, explanation texts, biographies, performance poetry, stories from a different culture, science fiction and non-chronological reports.
Grammar	Sentence structure and punctuation, apostrophes for possession, word classes, expanded noun phrases, determiners (a and an), main and subordinate clauses, fronted adverbials and speech punctuation.
Reading	'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' by Roald Dahl; Race to the Frozen North by Catherine Johnson.
Maths	Place value, addition and subtraction, perimeter, multiplication and division, times tables.
Science	States of matter and sound.
History	The Maya Civilisation
Geography	The UK
RE	What kind of world did Jesus want? How do Sikhs understand who God is?
Music	African songs and drumming, rhythm notation, Christmas music
PSHE	Me and my relationships and valuing differences.
Art and DT	Frida Kahlo inspired collage self-portraits; Designing and making musical instruments.
Computing	Online safety, Computing Systems and Networks – The Internet, Creating Media – Audio Production.
PE	Tag rugby, gymnastics, hockey, orienteering, catch up swimming (selected children).
French	Speaking, reading and writing: All around town; On the move

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

Best wishes, **Mr. Meikle-Masters, Mrs. Malynn and Mrs. McGill**