

HOMEWORK in Buzzards

Children will have a weekly piece of Maths homework that will be given out on a Thursday, to be completed and returned by the following Thursday.

We have created a list of other homework activities that are cross curricular for your child to choose from. We would like at least one activity to be completed and returned every two weeks. (This will be expected to be handed in every other Tuesday) Details will follow on a separate Homework sheet.

We would appreciate your support in helping your child to complete their homework. Some homework activities can be completed by your child independently and some are intended to be shared with someone else at home. Homework is consolidation and reinforcement for your child's learning and also gives you an opportunity to see what your child is doing in class.

Spelling Shed – at least twice a week for 10-15 minutes

Children already have logins for this website: <https://play.edshed.com/en-gb/login>. A new spelling list will be set for your child to work on each week, linked to the spellings they are working on at school. Please support your children in learning these spellings; we are able to check their progress with these online.

Times Tables Rockstars – at least 3 times a week for 10 – 15 minutes

Children already have logins for this website: <https://play.ttrockstars.com/>
We will log on each week to check children's progress.

In the summer term, the Year 4 children will be taking a National assessment called the Multiplication Tables Check. Children will be tested using an on-screen check (on a computer or a tablet), where they will have to answer multiplication questions against the clock. So having a solid understanding and a quick recall of the times tables is very important - regular practice is invaluable to achieve this!

Reading

Please continue to read fiction and non-fiction with your child and record comments in their reading record. All reading is positive, including newspapers, magazines and online information. Children should record at least three comments in their reading records a week. Children will also read in school independently, as part of a group and in whole class reading sessions - therefore they should have their reading book and reading record in school daily. Thank you again for supporting them with this.

Thrupp Primary School



**Information for Parents
Term 3 and 4
Spring 2023**

**Buzzards
Mrs Parker-Standley**

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all. I am so pleased to be teaching in Buzzards as their Class Teacher in 2023! We are very much looking forward to the next two terms and we have lots of exciting things planned for the children. Our mission is to work hard and have fun learning together as a team.

I will be teaching the class on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. On Mondays the children will be taught by Mrs Kelly, Mrs Mylechreest and, in the afternoon, by Mrs Bovington who will be accompanying them to their swimming sessions. In Term 4, the team at Atlas PE will be running PE sessions on a Monday afternoon. We will continue to be supported by Mrs Black and Mrs Hepper in class.

Our topic in terms 3 and 4 is the **Smashing Anglo-Saxons!**

In **History**, we will be looking at when and why the Anglo-Saxons came to Britain and where they came from. We will be learning about their way of life and culture – what sort of homes they lived in, what sort of skills they developed and what they believed in.

These handy websites may be a place where your child can start their learning journey!

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/saxons.htm>

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/anglo-saxons>

Questions to get you thinking: *Who were the Anglo Saxons? What were the Anglo Saxons famous for doing? What was life like for an Anglo Saxon in Britain?*

Try finding as much as you can about these people!

Our **Geography** work will link to the Anglo Saxons. We will develop our mapping skills to further understand the geography of the UK, linking this to Anglo-Saxon settlements. We will learn about key natural resources and geographical features which might have attracted settlers.

Our **English** will be taught through some fantastic fiction and non-fiction books which link to our topic. We will be writing legends, poetry and non-fiction to begin with. **Spelling** will be taught in year groups once a week and will continue to be linked to Spelling Shed (please see Homework section). In whole class reading sessions, we will be reading the classic text **Charlotte's Web by E.B. White** – if you are able to supply a copy of this text for your child, it would be really beneficial for them to have their own copy. Please see the letter sent out in December or me for further details.

Our **Maths** work will include work on mental methods of addition and subtraction before moving on to looking at written methods for addition and subtraction. We will be focusing on our multiplication and division skills, as well as working on angles in Geometry. Please see the Homework section for details of the national Multiplication Tables Check this Summer for the Y4s.

In **Art** and **D/T** we will be designing and making pendants and brooches inspired by the Anglo-Saxons. We will be exploring Anglo-Saxon patterns and motifs, and using these to create our own prints, strengthening our range of creative and construction skills along the way.

Science will be taught as separate year groups. The Y3s will be looking at Plants which will include understanding the functions of different parts of plants and investigating water transportation within plants. The Y4s will be studying Living Things and their Habitats, which will include exploring classification keys and understanding the effect of changes in the environment on living things within habitats.

In **RE** we will be exploring Muslim and Christian festivals and ways of worship. We will start the term with an exciting RE Theme Week, which will focus on all religions and how different religions celebrate their faiths.

PE will take place on Mondays (swimming in Term 3 for Year 3s, Atlas PE in Term 4 for all) and Thursdays. On Thursdays in Term 3 this will be Dance. On a Thursday session, the children will need to come to school dressed in their PE kit.

Be The Best Fridays will continue to take place on a Friday afternoon. For the first half term, the Y4s will be going to Forest School with Mrs Parker-Standley and the Y3s will be making music with Mrs Clarke.

Please make an appointment to speak to us or arrange a meeting if you have any questions about your child or what we are doing in class. Our class email will be checked weekly: buzzards@thrupp.gloucs.sch.uk For anything urgent, please contact the school office or leave a message with the teacher on duty at the gate in the morning and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Remember to look at our class page on the school website to see what exciting things we have been up to!