



THE ROBERT DRAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

## UPPER KEY STAGE 2 (YEARS 5 AND 6) NEWSLETTER AUTUMN TERM 2024

A very warm welcome back to this autumn term. We trust that you and your families had an enjoyable summer break. We say a sad farewell to Mr. Smith but are thrilled to be welcoming Miss. Woodward to our team.

### UNIFORM

Thank you to parents for the effort you put into ensuring your child adheres to uniform requirements. All items of uniform need to be labelled including P.E. kits. May we remind you that only small stud earrings are permitted. For health and safety reasons, these earrings must be removed for P.E. Clear earrings are also not allowed on P.E days. Also, if hair is of a length that can be tied back, it should be. School shoes should be worn, unless there is a medical reason, in which case, we require a medical note.

We have limited space for storing backpacks, therefore, please ensure your child brings all of their belongings in their book bag. On book bags, we request that there is a maximum of one small keyring as children are unable to close their drawers and this becomes a health and safety risk.

### PE UNIFORM

Just to remind you that P.E. uniform is:

- . plain white or sky-blue t-shirt (or with school logo);
- . black shorts;
- . trainers.

If it is cold, then a plain black sweatshirt and jogging bottoms can be worn. Fitbits and Apple watches cannot be worn because of possible connectivity and GDPR.

### CURRICULUM COVERAGE

The National Curriculum is followed for both English and maths.

Week Commencing	English	Mathematics (Mrs Rawling/ Mrs Parrag, Mr Newton)	Mathematics (Miss Woodward)
2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Friendship Week Activities	Initial Assessments	Initial Assessments
9 <sup>th</sup> September	Sentence Stacking (Have you Filled a Bucket today?) Grammar – types of nouns	Subtraction and Addition	Number and place value
16 <sup>th</sup> September	Sentence Stacking (The Worry machine) Grammar – adjectives and adjectival phrases	Place Value	Decimals and Negative Numbers

23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Sentence Stacking (The Worry machine) Grammar – main verbs and auxiliary verbs	Place Value and Multiplication	Addition and Subtraction
30 <sup>th</sup> September	Sentence Stacking (Tuesday) Grammar: subject, verb, object	Remainders and Long Division	Addition and Subtraction
7 <sup>th</sup> October	Sentence Stacking (Tuesday) Grammar: active and passive voice	Long Division	Multiplication
14 <sup>th</sup> October	Sentence Stacking (Tuesday) Grammar: co-ordinating and subordinating conjunctions	Division Consolidation	Division
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Black History Month: Ainsley Harriet (Drama Focus/ Speaking and listening) Grammar: Assessment	Word Problems	Multiplying and Dividing by 10,100 and 1000
28 <sup>th</sup> October	Half-term	Half-term	Half-term
4 <sup>th</sup> November	Poetry on a Theme Grammar: choice of language for effect	Fraction Revision	Fractions
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Letter Writing - World Kindness Day Grammar: apostrophes	Calculations with fractions	Simplifying and comparing Fractions
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Diary writing - Odd Socks Day Grammar: verb tenses	Percentages	Fractions and Decimals
25 <sup>th</sup> November	Diary writing - link to Canvey Floods Grammar: verb tenses	Fractions, decimals and percentages	Adding and Subtracting Fractions
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Recount of the panto Grammar: prepositional phrases	Ratio and proportion	Percentages and Measures
9 <sup>th</sup> December	A Christmas Carol Grammar: speech punctuation	Scale factors	Shape
16 <sup>th</sup> December	A Christmas Carol Grammar: speech punctuation	Christmas revision	Christmas revision

## Foundation Subjects

During science lessons, children will be looking at evolution and inheritance, as well as life cycles and life processes. Throughout these units, pupils will be developing their skills in scientific investigation. This term's computing will involve recording and editing videos- building towards more fluid digital literacy. E-Safety will be taught throughout the year at the start of each unit to ensure that children are continually aware of its importance.



In history and geography, the Canvey Floods will be studied to enable children to appreciate the experiences of people in the local area.

R.E. studies will focus on how and why religion brings peace and conflict. Our art unit '3D people in action' allows children to develop their sculpting skills and techniques. Netball, gymnastics and dodgeball will be taught in P.E.



During the first weeks back, our focus will be on PSHE and the new RSE curriculum; topics covered include: mental health, respect, valuing diversity, relationships and friendship. The children will be studying jazz in music and the weather and seasons in French.

## ***HOMWORK***

In Upper Key Stage 2, homework will be set weekly on Thursdays for maths and English. The sheets will be handed out to the children. These sheets should then be handed in by the following Tuesday. The expectation is that the children should complete as much as they can within 40 minutes for each subject.

## ***ROOTS TO FOOD***

The very enjoyable Roots to Food roadshow will once again be making their annual visit to our school on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> of September, where the children will learn recipes to cook with you at home!

## ***PUBERTY CHAT***

We will also be having the puberty chat during the Autumn Term. There will be a separate letter, with more information, to follow.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Newton, Mrs Rawling, Miss Woodward