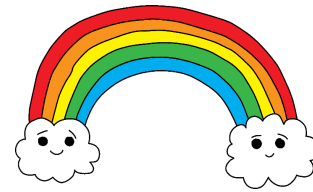


Mrs Dowson's class (K2AD)

Autumn Term 2026/2027

Newsletter.



Welcome back to our new school year - we hope you had a great Summer. The children have returned to school with a fantastic attitude, lots of smiles and ready to learn!

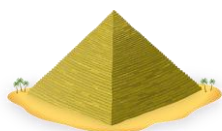
Topic

In the first half of this term, our focus is on Science and the topic of Light. The children will be learning about how light travels, how things are seen, the formation of shadows and Sun safety.



We will be taking an exciting, investigative approach to most lessons, developing skills of observation, planning, recording, reporting and evaluating our findings.

Next $\frac{1}{2}$ term, we will be starting a History topic, learning about the Ancient Egyptians. This is a very popular topic with our children, particularly the gruesome parts about mummification!



Throughout the Autumn term, we will also be doing some fantastic lessons in Design Technology where the children will learn about electrical circuits. They will put their knowledge to the test by making a game and some paper circuits.

They will also be taking part in French lessons, learning some basic language skills and in Music lessons where they will have the opportunity to use instruments and learn simple musical notation.

Reading

Please encourage your child to read at home as often as possible, and to **bring their book bag in every day.** This is a very important part of your child's learning - **arguably, reading is the most important academic skill that children can learn at school and at home.** If your child is on Read Write Inc, they will bring a book home that is related to the sounds they have been learning that week. Please encourage them to read



this every night as it helps to reinforce their phonic knowledge and to make better progress. In school, children are given the opportunity to read, either 1 to 1 with an adult or in small groups.

PE

Your child's PE session is on **Monday**.



For this term, Year 4 children will go swimming. Information will have been sent to you but for further reference, the Year 4 children will be attending swimming lessons EVERY AFTERNOON in the weeks commencing 7.9.2026 and 14.9.2026.

Please ensure that your child brings PE or Swimming kit each week and HAS THEIR INHALER. School policy is that children cannot take part in PE if they don't have their inhaler or if they are wearing jewellery. As always, I have no problem with children coming to school in their PE kit on a Monday, rather than their usual school uniform if you would prefer. Throughout the week, my children may also take part in Yoga sessions or other active lessons but they don't need a PE kit for these.

Homework

Homework is given out on a **Friday** and is due to be returned by the following Friday. The children have all been provided with a pencil and other equipment to help complete the homework. However, if your child needs anything extra, or needs a replacement pencil, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Finally, just to let you know that we have some people in school with severe nut allergies. We would be grateful if you could avoid providing snacks for your children that contain nuts. Please remember that snacks should be a healthy choice (e.g. fruit, unsweetened popcorn, yoghurts, etc), except for Friday when the children are welcome to bring crisps or chocolate.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Dowson, Mrs Cook, Mrs Crow & Miss McLeod

