



LOWER KEY STAGE 2 AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER 1



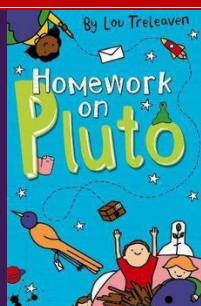
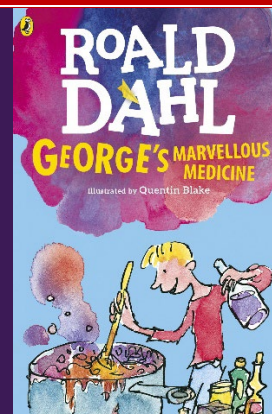
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Having just started a new school year, we have been extremely impressed with the dedication of our LKS2 cohort to re-establish our school routines, showing focus during learning and working together to keep each other safe in school. All the adults in LKS2 have noticed how well the children have settled into their new classes and how they have worked as a team to display a superb attitude to learning. As we continue through the Autumn term, we are keen to maintain and develop the excellent standards displayed so far.

Reading, Writing, Maths and Science

We are starting the new term with a brand-new text, 'Georges Marvellous Medicine', which all our curriculum will be centred around. In our Writing lessons, pupils will produce a set of instructions based on 'Georges Marvellous Medicine'. Their instructions will create a magic medicine! After that, we will write a character description and later in Autumn write a diary entry whilst reading 'Homework on Pluto'. In Maths, Year 3 pupils will be developing their understanding of place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Pupils will begin to use numbers within 1,000. In year 4, pupils will also have a short block of learning on measurement learning how to calculate the area of a shape. In Science, our topic is all about animals including humans. In this topic we will be learning all about how to follow a balanced diet and explore the differences between animals and humans.



Curriculum

In our Geography lessons, we will be learning all about how to use a compass and developing our map skills. In History, we will be exploring crime and punishment during the Victorian and the Anglo-Saxon time. In our music lessons, we will be appraising and then performing a song. In DT, we will be creating our own mechanism using linkages and levers as well as creating a circuit. In Art, we will be exploring the work of Quentin Blake and create our own self-portraits. Finally, PSHE focuses on respectful relationships and RE will focus on Christianity and how different religions worship.

PE Information

Class 3 – Wednesday

Class 3/4 – Tuesday

Class 4 - Monday

Children will arrive to school in their PE kit and stay in this all day. Correct PE uniform must be worn. Details of this can be found on the website

Key dates

Y4 swimming to begin on Tuesday 9th September.
Please see the school calendar below.

Homework

Homework is sent out each Tuesday and must be completed and returned to school by the following Monday. Please note that if homework is not completed/returned by the deadline, your child will be expected to complete it on a lunchtime. Please also continue to encourage your child to access learning and revision of spellings and times tables.

Thank you for your continued support with your child's progress and learning.

Feel free to arrange an appointment to discuss anything if necessary.

Miss Scholes, Miss Bucktrout and Miss Knox



Autumn Term Diary Dates 2025

September

Tuesday 16 th September	EYFS Phonic Parent Meeting 5-5.30pm
Thursday 18 th September	Year 1 Phonics Parents Meeting 5-5.30pm
Tuesday 23 rd September	Meet the Teacher 4-5pm
Thursday 25 September	KS2 Cross Country competition
Friday 26 th September	European Language Day
Monday 29th September	EYFS Autumn Harvest Workshop with Parents 2-3pm
Tuesday 30 th September	KS1 Autumn Harvest Workshop with Parents 2-3pm

October

Wednesday 1 st October	LKS2 Autumn Harvest Workshop with Parents 2-3pm
Thursday 2 nd October	UKS2 Autumn Harvest Workshop with Parents 2-3pm
Wednesday 8 th October	Y5/6 Football Festival
Wednesday 8 th October	SEND Parent Meetings 3.30-6pm
Friday 10 th October	Mental Health Day
Tuesday 14 th October	Individual School Photos
Wednesday 15 th October	SEND Coffee Morning 9-10am
Thursday 16 th October	Y5/6 Boys Football Competition
Tuesday 21 st October	Diwali
Thursday 23 rd October	Y5/6 Boys Football Competition
Friday 24 th October	Half Term Holiday begins (one week)

November

Monday 3 rd November	Inset Day – School Closed to children
Tuesday 4 th November	First Day of Autumn term 2
Monday 10 th November	EYFS Open Classroom 2.45-3.15pm
Tuesday 11 th November	KS1 Open Classroom 2.45-3.15pm
Tuesday 11 th November	Armistice Day
Wednesday 12 th November	UKS2 Open Classroom 2.45-3.15pm
Thursday 13 th November	LKS2 Open Classroom 2.45-3.15pm
Thursday 13 th November	Y3/4 Football Festival
Wednesday 19 th November	International Men's Day
Thursday 20 th November	Reading by Fire Side 4.45-5.45pm
Friday 21 st November	Non-uniform for the Christmas fair
Friday 21 st November	Children In Need Bake Sale
Thursday 27 th November	Y5/6 Active Curriculum Festival

December

Thursday 4 th December	Christmas Fair 2-3.30pm
Wednesday 10 th December	KS1 Football Skills Festival
Thursday 11 th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday 11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 15 th December	EYFS Nativity 9.30am
Monday 15 th December	EYFS Nativity 5pm
Tuesday 16 th December	KS1 Nativity 9.30am
Tuesday 16 th December	KS1 Nativity 5pm
Wednesday 17 th December	KS2 Christmas Carols
Thursday 18 th December	Present delivered by Santa
Thursday 18 th December	EYFS and KS1 Christmas Parties
Friday 19 th December	Start of Christmas Holiday