



**COUNTESS
GYTHA
PRIMARY**

Countess Gytha Primary School Curriculum Information

Year

**Pendragon Class
Y1/2**

Term

Summer 2026

Dear Parents,

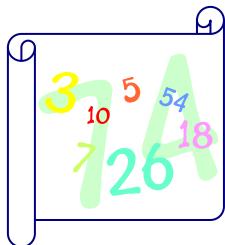
Welcome Back! This letter is designed to provide key information about learning this term.

SUBJECT	CONTENT
English	In English, we will be developing and improving our phonics knowledge. We will be writing short narratives and looking at traditional tales and celebrating poetry week. We shall be taking inspiration from class texts such as The Disgusting Sandwich, Storm Whale and The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch. Pendragon will continue to extend their writing stamina and will learn to understand suffixes and prefixes such as mis-, dis-, re- and -ly. We will also be learning how to make words plural. We will be cementing our understanding of punctuation and how it is used, in particular exclamation marks and apostrophes.
Mathematics	In maths, we will be focusing on how to find fractions of amounts and shapes. In addition, we will be learning how to tell the time to the hour, half past, quarter to and quarter past. The children will be exploring geometry and statistics learning how to recognise and record data. As part of our maths lesson the children will continue to develop their reasoning and problem solving skills.
Science	In science, we will be learning all about animals, including humans and what they need to survive. The children will be learning to identify and name a variety of common animals, and to describe their anatomy using scientific vocabulary.
PSHE	In PSHE this term, we will be looking at the topics 'Being my Best' and 'Growing and Changing' more information about which is available here.
History	Our topic for the summer term is Lighthouses and Lifeboats. Pendragon will focus on the life of Grace Darling, a famous person who lived at a time before living memory. They will learn about what her life was like and why she became nationally celebrated and is remembered today.
Art and Design	In DT this term, Pendragon will be design, make and evaluate their own healthy sandwiches. The children will practice how to spread, cut and chop. In Art, Pendragon will be making natural sculptures and artwork inspired by Andy Goldsworthy. The children will also revisit painting to strengthen their techniques.
RE	The religion of Judaism will be our focus during the summer term. We will be learning about what a pilgrimage is, the significance of Jerusalem and wonders of the world.
Music	In music, we will continue to develop our understanding of rhythm and beat as well as learning new skills with percussion instruments to represent different animals. We also have an exciting trip to watch the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra on 30th April.
PE	PE sessions will continue to be taught by Mr Hollard and Mr Gallagher. This term the children will have Yoga lessons, focusing on balance and moving smoothly between poses. The children will also develop their balance and co-ordination through multi-skills.

Homework

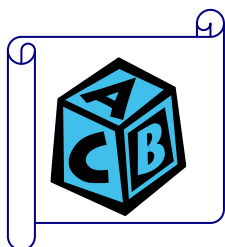
MATHS

In Pendragon Class, we will continue to use the Mental Maths Olympics Ladder to support children with developing their number bonds and times tables fluency. These will be sent home on a Friday and children will be tested on the following Wednesday.



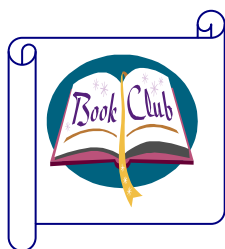
SPELLING and PHONICS

Your child will bring home a list of spellings on Friday. These spellings will be linked to the phonics sounds we have been learning in class as well as age related common words, which cannot always be spelt phonetically. Please support your child in learning these spellings throughout the week. Your child will be tested on their spellings on Wednesday each week. Year ones will bring home a phonics sheet with the sounds they have learnt during their lessons that week. Please read and recap these sounds with your children.



READING

Their reading book and reading record will be sent home with them on Thursday, to be returned on the following Thursday. The children will read in groups, 3 times-per-week. Children have access to the school library on a Thursday lunch time to select other titles to read, or you can access Little Wandle eBooks. We recommend you listen to your child read at least 4 times a week. Please record in their reading record when you have listened to them read.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- ◆ P.E. is on Thursday and a Friday. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school everyday.
- ◆ Homework will be sent home every **Friday** and is due back the following **Thursday**
 - ⇒ Please can you make sure your child's jumper, coat, water bottle, lunch box, snack box and PE kit is named to avoid any confusion in the classroom. Please double check as some stickers have fallen off.
 - ⇒ As the weather is getting warmer please provide your child with a hat and ensure they have sun cream applied. Your child can apply sunscreen themselves in school if they would like to.
 - ⇒ Please do not hesitate to ask us any questions by contacting the school office or by talking to us at the end of the school day.

Thank you so much - The Pendragon team. 😊