



**COUNTESS
GYTHA
PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

**Countess Gytha Primary School
Curriculum Information**

Year

King Arthur Class

Term

Autumn 2024

Dear Parents

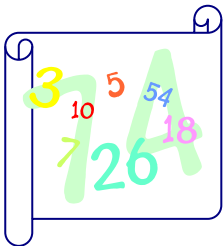
This letter is designed to provide key information about learning this term.

SUBJECT	CONTENT
English	Our learning will be based on our topic 'Polar landscapes'. Using texts such as 'Sky Song', 'Shackleton's Journey' and 'The Rainbow Bear', we will explore how to write character and setting descriptions, letters, poetry, diary entries, instructions, narratives, persuasive letters, newspaper and non-chronological reports. Spellings, punctuation and grammar will be embedded into these lessons, alongside weekly spelling tests.
Mathematics	In maths, we will be consolidating our understanding of number and place value. We will be reinforcing understanding of number facts and increasing familiarity with different numbers and representations. We will have opportunities to develop our calculation skills, particularly focusing on addition and subtraction, applying these in various contexts for different purposes. As part of our maths lessons, we will also be using mathematical reasoning to solve problems, deepening our understanding of the relationship between numbers.
Science	The topic 'animals including humans' will be our Autumn Term focus. We will work scientifically by asking questions, using observational skills and equipment, performing simple comparative and fair tests, recording our findings and using our observations and data to draw conclusions and answer enquiry based questions.
Computing	We will be developing our understanding of what information technology (IT) is and will begin to identify examples. We will discuss where we have seen IT in school and beyond, in settings such as shops, hospitals, and libraries. We will then investigate how IT improves our world, and we will learn about the importance of using IT responsibly.
Geography	In geography we will explore human and physical geography by identifying seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom and the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles.
History	Exploration and invention are our key concepts in history this term and we will learn about the incredible adventures of Ernest Shackleton and his race to the South Pole. We will compare the technology of historic explorers to technology of modern day explorers and study a variety of sources of information.
RE	In RE this term, we will study Christianity. The children will explore some of the key foundations, values and beliefs of Christianity, particularly relating to Incarnation, including how Jesus is represented through bible stories, fables and personal accounts. The children will consider why Jesus is important to Christians. The Nativity will also form part of our RE teaching this term for some children.
Music	This term, the children will be taking part in a unit called 'Let Your Spirit Fly' delivered using the Charinga programme. Our Christmas Nativity and Carol Concert will also form part of our music provision this term.
Art & D&T	In the first half of the term we will be developing skills in colour mixing, focusing on using tints and shades to create a 3D effect. We will be experimenting with composition, applying various painting techniques and using a variety of different media. In the second half of the term, we will develop an understanding of shading and drawing techniques to create observational sketches.
MFL	This year, the children will undertake Spanish lessons with Mrs Collins, where they will explore different countries where this language is used. The children will learn how to introduce themselves and count in numbers up to 31. They will be looking at numbers, colours, greetings and emotions. The children will conduct written and oral tasks in order to develop their confidence using the Spanish language.
PE	This term PE will be delivered by Mr Bunter and Miss Bridge. Children will learn to work safely and cooperatively with a partner or in a group and build on their team skills. They will master basic movements including running, jumping, throwing and catching, as well as developing balance, agility and co-ordination, and begin to apply these in a range of activities. They will also participate in a range of competitive games.

Welcome Back!

It has been lovely to welcome the children back into school for the start of the Autumn Term; they have all come back ready to learn with great, positive attitudes and are well underway with settling into their new classroom and routines! We have a great team in King Arthur Class and are pleased to have Miss Martin and Mrs Hills joining us this year. We have a lot of exciting activities, projects and events planned throughout the terms ahead and we are really looking forward to having a wonderful year together.

Homework



MATHS

Each week, your child will receive two sheets to practise either their number bonds or times table facts. We ask that these are completed at home to increase fluency. The children will then complete a timed sheet in class with similar questions in a different order. These sheets will need to be returned in your child's homework folder on a Wednesday. A log-in for additional (non-mandatory) practice on Times Table Rock Stars will also be provided if your child would like to use this.



SPELLING

Your child will bring home a list of spellings in their homework folder. These will focus on the high frequency, tricky and common exception words identified in the national curriculum, as well as different spelling rules. They will need to practise these in the allocated columns on the sheet and return it to school by the following Wednesday, when there will be a spelling test to check the children's understanding. A log-in for additional (non-mandatory) practice on Spelling Shed (EdShed) will also be provided.



READING

10-15 minutes reading every day.

We would appreciate a few comments in the reading record book once you have heard your child read. This is useful even if you choose to read a book that is not the scheme book that we have sent home. The children will take part in the Reading Rocket competition too, during which reaching a reading milestone (reading 50, 100, 150 times etc.) will earn them a reward and a chance to be entered into the book competition at the end of the year.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- ◆ PE will take place on a Tuesday and Thursday this term. Please ensure appropriate kit, including footwear, is **named** and is in school **at all times**.
- ◆ Homework will be due in on a **Wednesday** and will be sent home on a **Thursday**. If your child does not complete their homework, they will stay in for Homework Club during lunch break the following day.
- ◆ Please make sure your child's belongings are clearly named and that your child has a water bottle in school every day. On wet and/or cold days, please also ensure your child has a waterproof coat and for warmer weather, a hat and sun-cream which your child is able to apply themselves as we are unable to help them with this.
- ◆ Should you need to discuss anything, please do get in touch with the school office or in person to arrange a suitable time.