



**COUNTESS
GYTHA
PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

Countess Gytha Primary School Curriculum Information

Year

**King Arthur Class
Year 2/3**

Term

Spring 2025

Dear Parents,

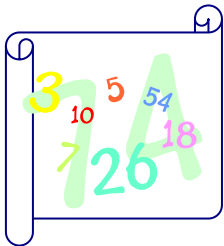
This letter is designed to provide key information about learning this term.

SUBJECT	CONTENT
English	In English this term, our learning will be based on our topic 'The Romans'. Using texts such as 'Tiger Tiger', 'The Journal of Iliona' and 'Escape From Pompeii', the children 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. There will be many opportunities for cross-curricular links in our English, particularly with our topic work in history and geography.
Mathematics	Children will be continuing to develop their understanding of using formal methods of multiplication and division. They will be reinforcing their understanding of grouping and sharing and using formal methods of such as short multiplication and bus stop division. They will have opportunities to develop their calculation skills, applying these in various contexts for different purposes. As part of their maths lessons, the children will be using mathematical reasoning to solve problems, deepening their understanding of the relationship between numbers. In the second half of the term, they will be learning about money in terms recognising and use symbols for pounds (£) and pence (p); combining amounts to make a particular value and finding different combinations of coins that equal the same amounts of money. They will also be interpreting and constructing simple pictograms, tally charts, block diagrams and simple tables. To end the Spring Term, we will also begin exploring fractions by recognising, finding and writing fractions of objects and numbers.
Science	In science this Spring, the children will be exploring the topics of 'light' and 'plants'. The children will work scientifically by asking questions, using observational skills and equipment, performing simple comparative and fair tests, recording their findings and using their observations and data to draw conclusions and answer enquiry based questions. The children will be conducting an investigation into how light travels, and will also explore the way that water is transported around plants.
Computing	We will be focusing on creating media this term, particularly in terms of digital photography. The children will learn to recognise that different devices can be used to capture photographs and will gain experience capturing, editing, and improving photos. Finally, they will use this knowledge to recognise that images they see may not be real.
Geography	In our geography unit, we will explore a country on each of the seven continents and look at their features, people and landmarks. We will learn where the seven continents are on a map, as well as explore the seas and oceans that surround them.
History	In history, the children will be focusing on the topic, The Romans. We will look at the history of the Romans, including the Roman Empire and its army, significant individuals during the Roman period in Britain, such as Julius Caesar and Boudica, and exploring Roman leisure activities including chariot racing, gladiator fights and music concerts.
RE	Islam is our religious focus in RE this half term; the children will be exploring some of the key Islamic beliefs, looking at the five pillars of Islam, as well as exploring the Quran and places of worship.
Music	Our learning in music is focused around one song: Three Little Birds. The material presents an integrated approach to music where games, elements of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch etc.), singing and playing instruments are all linked. As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, children will listen and appraise other Reggae songs.
Art and D&T	We will be linking our art and D&T this half term to our Romans topic; the children will be exploring mechanisms and levers and using their knowledge to design and build their own chariots. They will also be having an entire art day with local artist Darel Wakelam, who will be helping them to create their own class mosaic.
MFL	The children will continue Spanish lessons with Mrs Collins, where they will explore numbers, animals, months, dates and birthdays. The children will conduct written and oral tasks in order to develop their confidence using the Spanish language.
PE	For the first part of the term, the year 2 children will receive swimming lessons on a Monday afternoon. Regular weekly PE lessons will also be taught by Mr Bunter, with a focus on bat and ball skills. The children will also take part in yoga sessions on a Wednesday afternoon with Paula Hall.

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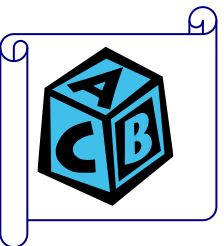
Miss Bridge, Mrs Hills and Ms Martin would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and are well-rested, ready for an exciting spring term ahead. We have lots of great projects and activities planned and are looking forward to getting stuck in to a very busy term.

Homework



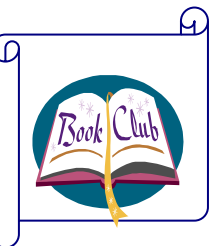
MATHS

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. Additionally, the children have login details for 'Times Table Rockstars', a digital platform which children can use to support their times table learning, on their homework folders. Please note using this platform is not mandatory, it is an alternative way of encouraging your children to practise their times tables.



SPELLING

Your child will bring home a list of spellings on Wednesdays 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 linking to each week's Little Wandle Phonics focus. They will need to practise these in the allocated columns on the sheet and return it to school by the following Thursday, when there will be a spelling test to check the children's understanding.



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 school library is open too for children to check out additional reading material.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- ◆ PE will take place on a Thursday this term. Please ensure appropriate kit, including footwear, is **named** and is in school **at all times**.
- ◆ Swimming will also be starting in the first half of the Spring Term on a Monday for Year 2 children. Please ensure your child brings the appropriate kit, in a named bag, in on Monday mornings ready for their lessons in the afternoon.
- ◆ Homework will be sent home every **Wednesday** and is due back the following **Wednesday**.
- ◆ 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.