



**COUNTESS
GYTHA
PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

**Countess Gytha Primary School
Curriculum Information**

Year

**King Arthur Class
Year 2/3**

Term

Summer 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 Shang Dynasty'. Using texts such as 'Lao Lao of Dragon Mountain', the children will explore how to write character and setting descriptions, letters, poetry, diary entries, instructions, narratives, persuasive letters, newspaper articles and non-chronological reports. Spellings, punctuation and grammar will be embedded into these lessons, alongside weekly spelling tests.
Mathematics	Children will be developing their knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes for the first half term in maths, as well as exploring the concept of time. In the second half term, the children will look at units of measurement, including height and length, weight and mass, and capacity and volume.
Science	In science this Summer, the children will be exploring the topic of forces and magnets, learning about pushes and pulls and investigating magnetic materials.
Computing	We will be learning about E-Safety in computing; exploring email, online communications, cyberbullying and how to be safe and responsible online.
Geography	The children will investigate what coasts are, how they are formed, how they are protected and why they are constantly changing. They will study the processes of erosion and deposition and how they affect the coast, find out the names of some different coastal formations and find out what disasters can happen on precarious cliff edges.
History	In history, the children will find out about the Shang Dynasty and what the Bronze Age was like in China, consulting history books and archaeological finds to compare evidence and draw conclusions about a wide range of features from this civilisation and time period.
RE	The children will consider the roles and responsibilities of religious teachers and leaders both in school and their local community in RE. We will explore some famous religious leaders and teachers from religions across the world, as well as interview our local village vicar, Caroline Walker.
Music	In music this term, the children will receive drumming sessions with Mr Male. They will explore different types of drum, practise creating different rhythms and compose and perform their own drumming piece.
Art and D&T	We are exploring art in our local community and the children will begin by exploring existing sculptures and then progress to designing and making their own maquette of a sculpture for a specific location in our local community.
MFL	The children will continue to undertake Spanish lessons with Mrs Collins, where they will explore numbers, time, months, dates and birthdays. The children will conduct written and oral tasks in order to develop their confidence using the Spanish language.
PE	Regular weekly PE lessons will continue to be taught by Mr Bunter, this term based on athletics and bat and ball skills. The children will focus on running and jumping skills, agility and coordination, striking and fielding activities and play games such as tennis, rounders and cricket.

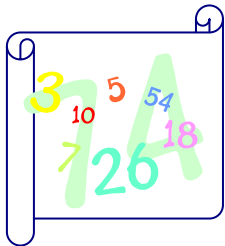
Spring Term

Welcome back to school! We have an exciting term ahead which has already seen the children wasting no time in settling into their work and familiar routines established in the Autumn and Spring terms. We are looking forward to some warmer weather and the opportunity to take our learning outside!

The progress the children have made so far this year is remarkable and we are excited to continue to watch them achieve and develop their academic and social skills.

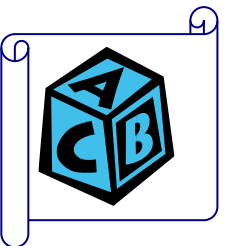
As always, we continue to thank parents for their support so far this year, and are excited to continue working with you all for the rest of the year!

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 simply an alternative way of encouraging your children to practice 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 practice 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.



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**.
- ♦ 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.