

Countess Gytha Primary School Curriculum Information

Year

**Pendragon Class
Y1/2**

Term

Autumn 2023

Dear Parents

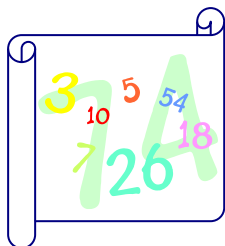
This letter is designed to provide key information about learning this term.

SUBJECT	CONTENT
English	In Pendragon Class we will be learning how to structure our sentences correctly with capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. Children will use the pronoun 'I' correctly and write exciting stories using adjectives and expanded noun phrases. Throughout the term, children will use different types of sentences in their writing as well as conjunctions such as 'and' and 'because'. Children will be writing descriptions, instructions, letters and stories based on our Family and Friends theme. In addition, children will develop phonics knowledge through the Little Wandle Synthetic scheme. Children will then apply phonics knowledge in our writing and reading to be able to read out loud to others and to answer questions about books and extracts of texts and make inferences about the text.
Mathematics	In our maths lessons, we will be learning, how to count and sequence numbers within 100. We will understand the place value of 1 and 2 digit numbers and to use number lines, hundred squares and practical resources to count, sequence and order numbers. Children will learn to count in multiples of 2, 5 and 10 and to add and subtract 1 and 2 digit numbers. In addition, children will learn to tell the time to the nearest hour.
Science	We will be learning about every day materials and animal, including humans, in science this term. The children will work scientifically by asking questions, using observational skills, performing simple comparative and fair tests, recording their findings and using their observations and data to draw conclusions and answer enquiry based questions.
Computing	In computing children will be learning to use technology safely and respectfully. The children will be introduced to data and information and learn to use labels to put objects into groups.
PSHE	In our PSHE lessons this term we will be learning about ourselves and the relationships we have with others.
History	For our topic this term, we will be learning about changes to communication within living memory. We will learn about the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements (Alexander Graham Bell and Sir Tim Berners Lee) and looking at how methods of communication have changed over the years, creating a time line of these changes.
RE	In RE we will be learning about the Christianity and its origins, core values and beliefs. We will be looking at stories that help us to develop our understanding of this.
Music	In our music lessons we will be learning about how each song has its own pulse or beat. Children will be dancing and singing to songs learning about rhythm and pitch.
D & T + Art	Our focus in art this term is portraits. The children will be creating portraits using a range of different media and we will be looking at the work of Picasso, Klee and Warhol. In DT, we will be learning about good food hygiene rules and how to prepare food safely. They will then be applying this knowledge when we make and evaluate a healthy dip.
PE	In Pendragon, we will have a weekly PE lesson and a weekly yoga lesson. In PE, we will be learning to work safely and cooperatively, to work with a partner or in a group. Additionally, children will participate in a weekly yoga session which will help to strengthen core muscles, as well as aid in flexibility and stability.

Welcome Back!

Welcome to Pendragon Class! We have had a great first week and the children have been fantastic at getting use to the new routines in the class. During this term, Mrs Spiller will be supporting the class Monday-Wednesday and Mrs Crang will be working in Pendragon on Thursdays and Fridays. Each week, P.E. will be on Tuesday and Thursday with a mixture of yoga and lessons led by Mr Bunter.

Homework



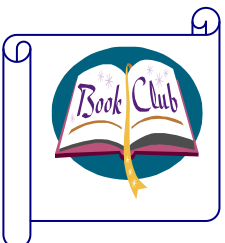
MATHS

Times tables Mental Maths Olympics practice sheets will be given to Year 2 children weekly. Year 1 children will start Mental Maths Olympics after the Autumn half term.



SPELLING

Your child will bring home a list of spellings on Friday, which they will need to complete across the week. Spellings are handed back in on a Wednesday when the children are tested on their spelling homework. Spellings will link in with what the children have been learning in their phonics lessons.



READING

Year 1 children will be reading three times a week in their reading groups. Their books will be sent home with them on Friday, to be returned on the following Monday. Children have access to the school library to select other titles to read during the week, or you can access the Little Wandle ebooks. Year 2 children will continue to take their reading books home during the week, 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. When they can read 90% of the words in their book fluently they will be supported to select an additional book.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- ♦ P.E - P.E is on a Tuesday and a Thursday. Your child will need to keep their PE kit in school, as they will change in school.
- ♦ Homework will be sent home every **Friday** and is due back the following **Wednesday**.
 - ⇒ Please can you make sure your child's jumper and PE kit is named to avoid any confusion in the classroom.
 - ⇒ Please ensure your child's reading book and record at in their book bag each day.
 - ⇒ Please make sure your child has a named water bottle in school every day.
 - ⇒ Please ensure your child has a coat in school regardless of the weather. We all know how changeable it can be!

**Thank you so much for such a wonderful start,
The Pendragon Team**