

Countess Gytha Primary School Curriculum Information

Year

Pendragon Class Y1/2

Term

Spring 2025

Dear Parents

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

SUBJECT	CONTENT
English	In Pendragon we will be creating writing inspired by texts such as Beegu, How to Catch a Star and The Enormous Turnip. Children will continue to structure their sentences correctly with capital letters, punctuation and conjunctions. Each child will be able to write stories, a recount and letters. In addition, children will continue to develop their phonics knowledge though daily lessons which follow The Little Wandle Synthetic scheme . Each week year 1 children will take home a phonics sheet to practice the sounds they have learnt that week at home.
Mathematics	In our maths lessons, we will be learning multiplication and division. Children will continue to count in 2s, 5s and 10s. This term we also be studying shape. Pendragon will learn how to recognise and identify 2D and 3D shapes. The children will explore patterns and lines of symmetry.
Science	Plants are our focus area 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. Pendragon will be growing their own plants in class along slide conducting a class experiment.
Computing	In computing, we will be programming the Bee Bots using algorithms and investigating sequences in programming. For our multimedia work, we will learn how to add text to an image and how to record an image on the iPad before creating an interactive story.
PSHE	In our PSHE lessons this term, we will be finding out how to keep ourselves safe.
Geography	Linking in with our new topic of Transport, we will be learning about the significance and impact of transport and travel around the world.
History	The history of transport is our topic focus topic this term. We will look how the transport industry differs today compared to the past. We will find out about the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements (George Stephenson).
RE	In RE our religion we are focusing on is Hinduism. We will be reading and understanding stories about Vishnu and the festivities celebrated by Hindus across the world.
Music	In our music lessons, we will be learning to make our own beat and rhythm; to use simple musical instruments and to learn songs and sing as part of a group.
D & T + Art	Linking with our topic of Transport, we will be designing, making and evaluating a moving car.
PE	In Pendragon ,we will have weekly PE lesson led by Mr Bunter and weekly swimming lessons at Wincanton sports centre. Pendragon will be learning to work safely and cooperatively, to work with a partner or in a group during their PE lessons.

Happy New Year!

Happy New Year Pendragon Class! I have thoroughly enjoyed my first term with such a lovely class and cannot wait for the exciting opportunities that lie ahead. During this term, Ms Martin will be supporting the class Monday-Tuesday and Mrs Feierabend will be working in Pendragon on Wednesday- Fridays. Each week, swimming will be on Monday afternoons and P.E with Mr Bunter on Fridays.

Homework



MATHS

Times Tables Olympics practice sheets given weekly.



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 Tuesday, when the children are assessed on their spelling homework. Year 1 spellings will follow the words learnt during their daily phonics lessons.



READING

We recommend you listen to your child read at least 4 times a week.

When you have heard your child read, please comment in their reading record. When your child has completed their book, we will support them in changing their book for a new one. The school will ensure they listen to each child read at least weekly.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- P.E Swimming will be on a Monday afternoon please make sure your child has their swimming kit in school Monday morning. PE will be on a Friday afternoon. 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 Tuesday.
 - ⇒ 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, The Pendragon Team