



**COUNTESS
GYTHA**
PRIMARY

Countess Gytha Primary School Curriculum Information

Year

**Pendragon Class
Y1/2**

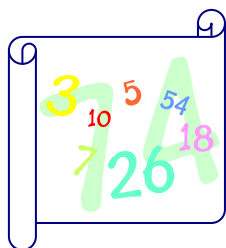
Term

Summer 2024

**Dear Parents,
Welcome Back! This letter is designed to provide key information about learning this term.**

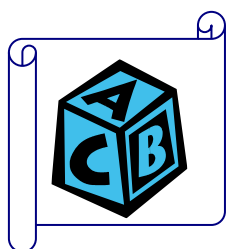
SUBJECT	CONTENT
English	In English, we will be continuing to develop our phonics knowledge including learning about alternative graphemes and preparing for the national Phonics Screening Check, taking place in June 2024. Within our writing, we will be understanding suffixes and prefixes such as mis-, dis-, re- and -ly as well as how to use commas in a list. We will be cementing our understanding of punctuation and how different punctuation is used, in particular exclamation and question marks. The children's learning will be embedded through both fiction and non-fiction writing. Class texts this term include 'Jack and the Beanstalk', 'The Enormous Turnip', 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch', 'The Storm Whale' and 'Flotsam'.
Mathematics	In maths, we will be focusing on fractions, multiplication and division. We will continue to develop our addition and subtraction skills and learn how to correctly tell the time to the hour, half past and quarter to and quarter past. The children will be exploring position and direction and consolidating their learning on measurement and shape. As part of our maths lesson, the children will continue to develop their reasoning and problem solving skills.
Science	In science, we will be learning all about plants. We will be growing our own plants and observing how they grow, as well as identifying the parts of a plant. We will also be learning about a variety of common animals (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals) and looking more closely at animals that live in the sea and how they are suited to the environment that they live in.
PSHE	In PSHE this term, we will be looking at the topics 'Being my Best' and 'Growing and Changing'. More information on these topics can be found in the school's PSHE policy, available on our web-site here .
Topic	The children will be learning to recognise the world's continents. We will also be developing our understanding of compass directions alongside our map work. Linking with our topic of Sun, Sand and Sea, we will be exploring seashores located near us and identifying human and physical features of them. We will also be learning about the life of Grace Darling, a significant individual from the past, and looking at the RNLI and how lifeboats have changed over time, comparing the similarities and differences between them.
Art and Design	We will be exploring art using objects from nature. The children will use drawing, painting and sculpture to share their ideas. They will be drawing objects from nature as well as using them to make sculptures. We will be looking at the work of sculptor Andy Goldsworthy.
RE	The religion of Judaism will be our focus during the summer term. We will be learning about the Creation story and how this links with the Star of David. We will also be exploring key events such as Rosh Hashanah, Sukkot and Yom Kippur. We will look at the Torah and explore its importance and ways it teaches Jews to live their lives.
Music	The children will be taking part in weekly ukelele lessons with Mr Male in the second half of the summer term.
PE	PE sessions will continue to be taught twice weekly by Mr Bunter. This term the children will be taught athletics and learn about a number of different athletics disciplines. They will also have weekly yoga sessions.

Homework



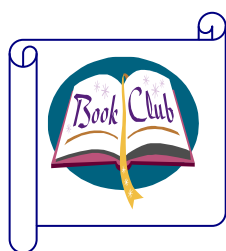
MATHS

In Pendragon Class, we will continue to use Mental Maths Olympics Ladder to support children with developing their number bond and times tables fluency. These will be sent home on a Friday and children will be tested on the following Wednesday.



SPELLING

Your child will bring home a list of spellings on Friday. These spellings will be linked to the phonics sounds we have been learning in class as well as age-related common words, which cannot always be spelt phonetically. Please support your child in learning these spellings throughout the week. Your child will be tested on their spellings on Wednesday each week.



READING

Year 1 read 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. is on Thursdays and Fridays. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school everyday.
- ♦ Homework will be sent home every **Friday** and is due back the following **Wednesday**.
 - ⇒ Please can you make sure your child's jumper, coat, water bottle, lunch box, snack box and PE kit is named to avoid any confusion in the classroom.
 - ⇒ As the weather is getting warmer please provide your child with a hat and ensure they have sun cream applied. Your child can apply sunscreen themselves in school if they would like to.
 - ⇒ Please do not hesitate to ask us any questions by contacting the school office or by talking to us at the end of the school day.

Thank you so much - The Pendragon team. 😊