

Countess Gytha Primary School Curriculum Information

Year

Pendragon Class Y1/2

Term

Summer 2025

Dear Parents,

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

SUBJECT	CONTENT
English	In English, we will be developing and improving our phonics knowledge. We will be writing short narratives and looking at traditional tales and poems. We shall be taking inspiration from class texts such Billy Goats Gruff, Where the Wild Things Are, and the works of Beatrix Potter. Pendragon will continue to extend their writing stamina and will learn to understand suffixes and prefixes such as mis-, dis-, re- and -ly. We will also be learning how to make words plural. We will be cementing our understanding of punctuation and how it is used, in particular exclamation marks and apostrophes.
Mathematics	In maths, we will be focusing on how to find fractions of amounts and shapes. In addition, we will be learning how to tell the time to the hour, half past, quarter to and quarter past. The children will be exploring geometry and statistics learning how to recognise and record data. 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 animals, including humans. The children will be learning to identify and name a variety of common animals, and to describe their anatomy using scientific vocabulary.
PSHE	In PSHE this term, we will be looking at the topics 'Being my Best' and 'Growing and Changing' more information about which is available here.
Geography	Our topic for the summer term is Africa. The children will be learning to locate Africa on a map, along with recognising the world's other continents. We will be looking specifically at the African country of Kenya. We will be making comparisons between the UK and Kenya including geographical similarities and differences, in addition to studying the weather in Kenya. We will also be developing our understanding of compass directions alongside our map work.
Art and Design	In DT this term, Pendragon will be designing and creating masks inspired buy out topic Africa. In Art, the children will be focused on mixed media exploring a range of techniques in colour, texture and pattern. The children will be taught about a range of artists including Van Gogh, Monet, Metzinger and Dubuffet.
RE	The religion of Christianity will be our focus during the summer term. We will be learning about Jesus and looking at Christian beliefs. We will be looking at specific Bible stories associated with the birth of Jesus and recognising the order of key events in the Bible.
Music	In music, we will continue to develop our understanding of rhythm and beat as well as learning new skills with percussion instruments. We also have an exciting trip to watch the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra on 13th May 2025.
PE	PE sessions will continue to be taught weekly on a Friday by Mr Bunter. This term the children will be taught athletics and learn the skills of a number of different athletics disciplines.

Homework



MATHS

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



SPELLING and PHONICS

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. Year ones will bring home a phonics sheet with the sounds they have learnt during their lessons that week. Please read and recap these sounds with your children.



READING

Their reading book and reading record will be sent home with them on Thursday, to be returned on the following Monday. The children will read in groups, 3 times-per-week. Children have access to the school library on a Thursday lunch time to select other titles to read, or you can access Little Wandle ebooks. 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.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- P.E. is on Friday. 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**.
- Pendragon will be taking part in environmental classes Friday afternoons during the 1st half term.
 - 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. Please double check as some stickers have fallen off.
 - As the weather is getting warmer please provide your child with a hat and ensure they have sun \Rightarrow cream applied. Your child can apply sunscreen themself in school if they would like to.
 - Please do no hesitate to ask us any questions by contacting the school office or by talking to us at the \Rightarrow end of the school day.

Thank you so much - The Pendragon team. 😂

