

Mrs Mansell teaches Monday, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Mrs Dorsett teaches Thursday and Fridays. Wednesday afternoons will be taught on alternate weeks.

Arriving in the mornings/Departing in the afternoons. Doors will open at 8.50 so children can be in class settled by 9.00. Please try not to come into the cloakroom or classroom but encourage your child to hang their own coats up and put their own book bags etc away, it helps ease congestion in these areas and also really increase their independence. If your child is going home with a different person please let us know in the mornings. At the end of the day at 3.15pm we will dismiss children as soon as we see the person collecting them waiting outside the doors.

PE is on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday afternoons

Children will need both their inside and outside kits just in case the weather is a bit chilly, this includes trainers.

Art/ DT is on a Friday afternoon, named aprons will be needed for when we make a mess! If you ever have any spare newspaper to cover our tables then please do send this in. Mrs Dorsett is also looking for any arty parent helpers for this session in particular, if you can help please let us know.

Reading books – children should put their reading folders in the blue box in the classroom every morning when they want their books changed. This takes a few weeks to get used to, we will remind them frequently. Please write in their reading logs when you hear your child to let us know how they got on with their current book. We aim to hear all children once a week individually and once a week in guided reading, these will be recorded in your child's reading records. We will be benchmarking the children in the first few of weeks to ensure they start on the correct colour band.

Homework – Pick and Mix books

All children will be given a homework sheet for homework to be completed in their Pick and Mix books. The children have a choice of work and are asked to complete 4 pieces for year 1s or 5 pieces for year 2s each half term. These should be handed in on Mondays to be marked. Please remember that reading as often as possible and learning times tables or spellings are in addition to their Pick and Mix homework.

Times Tables Tests – For Year 2s only. We will be starting to focus on number bonds to 10 20 and 100 before we move to times tables. Number bonds are pairs of numbers which make a number i.e. $10 = 1+9$ $2+8$ $3+7$ $4+6$. Knowing these facts gives confidence and allows calculations to be completed much quicker. After this we move on to multiplication, supplementing our lessons children will need to practise their times tables in order to have an instant recall of each specific times table e.g. x2. They need to learn them both ways i.e. 2×4 and 4×2 – i.e. there are questions for each level and they won't be in order. Children have 15 minutes to complete the test. If they get them all correct then they can move to the next times table the following week. The order will be: x2, x5, x10, Mixed 2, 5, 10, x3, x4, Mixed 3, 4. Division will be taught and tested alongside multiplication.

Spellings – for everyone. The spelling sheets will be sent home each half term for children to learn. We are asking that they learn 10 spellings each week, the words will be taken from the school spelling scheme and supplemented with the phonics sounds and high frequency words studied that week. They are tested on the words and also use some of them correctly in a sentence. Please make sure their spelling books are in school on Thursdays so that the tests can be put into them and marked. They will then be sent home so you can see how they are getting on. We are also sending home a list of all the high frequency spelling words set out in the new National Curriculum for children to learn throughout the year (in their Reading record Books). We will be setting these as part of the spellings and testing children on them periodically.

Show & Tell – On Tuesday afternoons. We will rotate through each house across the weeks, see table for your child's dates. Children can bring in something from home that is relatively small and preferably educational to share with the class. Please note that show and tell is not compulsory for children to do!!

Week Beginning	House
17 th Sept	Gryphon
24 th Sept	Phoenix
1 st Oct	Unicorn
8 th Oct	Dragons
15 th Oct	Gryphon
HALF TERM	
29 th Oct	Phoenix
5 th Nov	Unicorn
12 th Nov	Dragons
19 th Nov	Gryphon
26 th Nov	Phoenix
3 rd Dec	Unicorn
10 th Dec	Dragons

The next table shows what we will be studying this year to help you be prepared or find things that your child would like to bring to school to contribute to lessons.

Autumn	Spring	Summer
Topic Castles and Courts	Topic Explorers and Inventors	Topic Mini and Mega Beasts
Science Marvellous Materials	Science Habitats, animals, growing and ourselves.	Science Seeds and Plants Weather and Seasons
RE What do Christians believe God is like? Why does Christmas matter to Christians?	RE What does it mean to belong to a Muslim and Sikh family? What does Easter matter to Christians?	RE Islam and Sikhism
Literacy and Numeracy will be following the national curriculum for the appropriate age range. Where possible and suitable there will be links made to the term's topic		

Finally if you have any concerns or questions at any point please do not hesitate to speak to one of us. We will be by the door every morning for any quick questions but we ask that for any longer discussions please arrange to see us after school as we are available every afternoon except Wednesdays (staff meetings). We are looking forward to a busy and exciting year ahead.

Many thanks, Mrs Mansell & Mrs Dorsett