



Killick - Autumn 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a brand new term and year. I hope you have had a fantastic and restful (where possible) break. It is great to see the children back smiling and ready to learn.

This newsletter is to inform you of some of the important information and dates about the children's learning and events that are happening this term. Please keep an eye on MyEd for all the latest news and updates regarding events happening at Wygate Park.

You can also keep up to date with the latest news by following us on Facebook and X.

Y5 X handle is @MrHollyoake

Thanks for your continued support!

Mr Hollyoake

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Important **term dates**

Monday 24th November - Y5/6 Football Club Finishes

Thursday 27th November - KS2 Girls Football Club Finishes

Tuesday 2nd December - Flu Immunisations

Thursday 11th December - Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 17th December - Pantomime

Friday 19th December - Last Day of Term 2

Our Curriculum

Maths:

The children are going to start the term by looking at the area and perimeter of shapes. They will start by recapping how to measure the perimeter of shapes and rectangles before moving onto finding the perimeter of rectilinear shapes including shapes with missing measures. The children will then move on to looking at calculating the area of shapes by finding the area of rectangles before calculating the area of compound shape and answering reasoning and problem solving questions about area and perimeter.

The children will then move on to looking at statistics and data which interprets in charts, line graphs and tables. They will learn to read and interpret the information presented and answer sum and comparison questions based on the data. They will then use data from a Science experiment to create/draw a line graph before looking at timetables and answering questions based on the information presented.

The children will finish the term by looking at formal methods of multiplication and division. They will start by recapping the grid method of multiplication to multiply 2 digit numbers by 1 digit and 3 digit numbers by 1 digit before developing their learning by multiplying 4 digits by 1 digit and then multiplying 2/3 and 4 digit numbers by 2 digits. They will then move onto division and recap using the bus stop method to divide 2/3 and 4 digit numbers by 1 digit and also how to express remainders.

Oak National Academy have some amazing resources to further support your child's learning:

[Free KS2 Maths teaching resources | Page 1 of 2 | Oak National Academy](#)

Times tables :

This year, we will continue to focus on times tables. It was a government expectation that by the end of Year 4, all children should know their times table and division facts up to and including 12 x 12. To continue to support the children with their times tables they will be singing songs and doing times table focused activities as part of their Maths lessons.

Throughout the year, the children will continue to be tested on their times tables to further boost/secure their knowledge and also give them an opportunity to earn their times tables certificates.

Please find below the links to TT Rockstars and Hit The Button which the children can use at home to practice their times tables:

[Times Tables Rock Stars \(ttrockstars.com\)](https://ttrockstars.com) - **TT Rockstars**

[Hit the Button - Quick fire maths practise for 6-11 year olds \(topmarks.co.uk\)](https://www.topmarks.co.uk/HitTheButton)- **Hit The Button**

English:

This term the children are writing with the purpose to persuade. They will start by writing a persuasive letter to try and persuade the reader to visit The Cafe in the Woods. The letters will include emotive language and a range of subordinating and coordinating conjunctions as well as other features we have looked at in Year 4 and 5. They will then write a persuasive speech which will include rhetorical questions, modal verbs and adverbs.

Spelling Shed

To help develop the children's spelling, we use Spelling Shed. This program has fantastic games/resources to help the children practice their weekly spellings. The children will be given assignments every week based on a spelling rule and will then be tested in class on that rule the following week.

Please find the link for Spelling Shed below:

<https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb/>

Science

In Science the children will be building on their Year 4 materials learning by looking at States of Matter. They will be looking at the properties of materials and how heating or cooling an object can change the state between solids, liquids and gases. They will also investigate which materials make the best thermal insulators and which materials are magnetic and how these can be used in the wider world.

Towards the end of the unit, the children will investigate which objects are soluble and insoluble and be given materials which have been 'accidentally' mixed and asked to separate them before finishing the topic by looking at examples of irreversible changes in the world.

Oak National Academy have some amazing resources to further support your child's learning:

[Science, primary, Year 5 - Lesson listing | Oak National Academy \(thenational.academy\)](#)

Geography:

Our Geography topic for the term is Renewable Energy. The children will start by looking at what renewable energy is and why it is important focusing on wind power and creating their wind turbines. They will then have a look at the different types of renewable energy and how they work before looking at the effects Global Warming has on the planet and then changes that are happening as a result of it.

They will conclude the topic by investigating where the best places are to put renewable energy to ensure they are effective and identifying how the installation of renewable energy sites change the landscape and economy of the local area.

Oak National Academy have some fantastic resources to help support your child's learning further:

[Unit: Energy: how do we power the world? | KS2 Geography | Oak National Academy](#)

Important Information

Boom Reader

Your child will be allocated 2 reading books. We will continue to use Boom Reader to log reading activity. When using this application, could you please log reading with a parent and when the children read to themselves.

To access Boom Reader, please click on the link below:

[BoomReader Parents \(go-read.co.uk\)](#)

If you have any questions or problems, please don't hesitate to come and see me.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Friday and is due in the following Wednesday. The homework will continue to be set online on LBQ. If there are any issues or problems with the homework, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Water Bottles

Please ensure that water bottles contain only water as squash and fizzy drinks are not permitted in the classroom. We also ask that all water bottles are named so the children can easily identify theirs and that they are plastic. Glass bottles are not permitted in school.

PlusPay

Bookings for lunches, breakfast and afterschool club should now be made on PlusPay, which is the payment system within the MyEd app.

Should you require technical assistance or have any questions about the PlusPay system please speak to Mrs Cannon or Mrs Cross in the office.

MyEd

Please keep an eye on MyEd as any important information, notices and letters will be posted on the app. We will also post some of the amazing work the children have been doing in class and celebrate some of their successes through our social media platforms.

If you have any issues/problems with accessing MyEd please see Mrs. Cannon or Mrs. Cross in the office.

Carrot Rewards

Children can earn a range of certificates based on the amount of Carrot Reward points they earn and at the end of every term the 10 highest earners will win special certificates to celebrate their hard work. As well as this, the Carrot Reward points can be spent in the online shop and the items the children buy will be brought down to the classroom by Mrs. Cross.

To access Carrot Rewards please click on the following link - [School Rewards Platform | Carrot Rewards](#)

Doors

The classroom doors will open at 8:40am and will close again promptly at 8:50am. Anyone arriving after that time will need to go to the office to be signed in. Doors will reopen again at 3:20pm for collection.

We also ask that people are mindful when parking their cars at busy times and be respectful to the local community and each other when parking in the car park. Where possible, we encourage our families to use other methods of getting to school, rather than cars, to ease congestion.

Appointments

If you wish to discuss and problems/issues that arise, then please arrange an appointment at the office with Mrs Cannon or Mrs Cross and we will be happy to meet with you.