



Welcome back! We are really pleased with how well the children in Lower Key Stage Two have settled back into life at the academy.

We are really looking forward to a busy term ahead and we cannot wait to see what 2020 will offer. There will be lots of new and exciting learning adventures ahead. We will be celebrating our achievements across our team. Don't forget to tell us about your successes out of school too!

The Wider Curriculum:

We will be looking at the effect World War 2 had on family life. We will be learning about the countries involved, important dates and key leaders. We will also be learning about what it was like to be an evacuee and rationing.



English lessons will continue to explore quality texts, including some linked to War Word 2 and traditional tales. Children will be writing descriptions of settings and thinking about how characters are feeling. We will also develop letter writing skills. We will be again focusing on spelling, punctuation and grammar to help with our writing.

Maths will be linked to our project and the children will be developing their fluency of both mental and written calculation skills in order to solve real life problems, including those that involve money. Y3 will also be exploring data and statistics. Everyone will continue to learn their multiplication tables and be able to recall these quickly.

Optional Maths activities for home

Can you recall all of the multiplication facts for the 2-12 multiplication tables? Keep practising these and challenge yourself to know the corresponding division facts. **Y3 concentrate on the 2s,3s,4s, 5s, 8s and 10s please!**

Practise using money in everyday situations. Can you work out how much things cost? What if you buy more than one item?

Y4s, do you understand the value of each digit when it is shown as pounds and pence as a decimal figure?

Following our routines:		
P.E. Kits	Please ensure you have your PE kit with you every day, just in case there is a change in schedule. No earrings. Please provide plasters to cover your earrings.	
Homework for both Y3 and Y4	Out Fridays	Hand in by Tuesday
Spellings	Test on Friday	Spelling work is done in class each week and there will be a spelling test on each Friday. 'Look, cover, write, check' sheets are available for further practice at home.
Reading to an adult	Everyday	Please write in your child's reading record to record what you have read. Children will earn merits for reading to you. Your initials will be ok to show you have heard them. This is part of your homework.



All of our classes have a Twitter page, this is the best way to keep up to date with your child's learning and any events that might be taking place. Please see our website for details about your child's class.

@rhinosclass @Pantherclass

@Lemursclass @LeopardClass

Please make sure that your child is well prepared. As the weather is always unpredictable, a coat and sensible shoes are needed. A water bottle should be in school everyday, along with their book bag and reading book. Please can you name each of these items so that if they are misplaced they can be safely returned.