



Newsletter 12 9 February 2024

Looking ahead in learning

We are looking ahead to next term with eagerness and thought you might like a heads up on what topics your child will be learning about in case you have any days out planned over half term or need something to occupy the seemingly endless rainy days.

Sprat &	Theme	Visits & Specialists
Winkle	Growing	Hilliers
		Gardens,
		Romsey

Over half term you could...

Start growing something simple like cress inside or chitting early potatoes, dig in the garden

Redbridge &
Horsebridge

Preserving our past (Stone Age to Iron Age)

Stonehenge

Over half term you could...

Visit the Iron Age museum in Andover, visit Danebury, have a go at being an archaeologist in Salisbury Museum, go to Avebury or take out books from Andover library about this important period.

Mottisfont & Clatford

inspirational!	The National
	Portrait
Black Britain	Gallery,
and significant	London
lives who have	
shaped our	
world today	

Over half term you could...

Explore Portsmouth Historic Dockyard, visit a local art gallery, read a biography of a famous person you're interested in from Andover library.

Whatever you do over half term, have fun & be safe! Mrs Jefferies Headteacher

Homework

To avoid confusion (and your child telling you there is no homework, each week!), we'll post here what your child should be completing at home in line with our homework policy.

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Sprat & Winkle	Reading:	read at home every day
	Spelling:	practice tricky words which were
		passed to you at parent's evening.
Lower School	Reading:	Read at home to an adult x4/wk
	Spelling:	Complete spelling activities linked
		to focus 5 from this term.
	Maths:	TTRS – do at least 4 Garage
		sessions a week.
Upper School	Reading:	Read at least x4/wk. NO read &
	Spelling:	respond
	Maths	Look back over focus 5 this term

Lorraine Lee

Lorraine is a child psychologist and parenting adviser. She has super practical tips on how to deal with tricky situations that arise, how to manage dysregulated behaviour and, most importantly, imparts the wisdom of WHY behaviours are happening so that you can understand what's age appropriate behaviours and what's not

This is the last session we have with her this term

If your child is receiving THRIVE support, or if you've talked to us about your child being tricky to manage at home or masking or exploding, then you really should come and listen to Lorraine – it can't hurt at least!

THURSDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 6PM – 7.15PM

Parent Questionnaire

We caught many of you for this as you came through the door for parent's evening. If you missed this opportunity, please could you take a moment to complete it over half term?

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It's a bit different this year because you've already completed the OfSTED one so this asks new and different questions!

Signposting

Please note that from time to time, we signpost families to local activities, clubs or events. Whilst we are selective in what we send out, this should not be seen as a recommendation or endorsement. We do not carry out the same checks for signposted activities as we would for those activities hosted within or by the school and parents should therefore satisfy themselves that they are happy with the organisation and their activity.

Excellent writing

One of the pleasures of my job is getting to see and hear all of the children's good work. I couldn't not share this with you as Thea in Year 4 read her work out to me and asked if I could picture being there. I could!

See what you think...

'Out of nowhere the strong stone pillars started to rumble and then came tumbling down, smashing into each other and turning the once colossal building into rubble. Stunned, afraid, silence. I anxiously looked left to right feeling petrified with all these thoughts rushing through my alarmed head! What happened? Has the mighty Vesuvius got angry? Has something happened to the powerful volcano?'

How brilliant is that?!

Music

Which Chris Stapleton song is your favourite? Have you been listening to him in the car or at home? Have you got a school musician of the half term playlist?

The children chose 'White Horse' as their favourite for assembly last Friday but my favourite is Parachute. What's vours?

Sport

Please see the attached flyer for a new and upcoming Judo club which is being held at Test Valley School on various days.



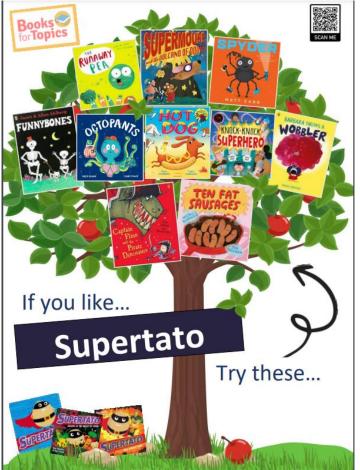


UPDATES

Reading

Has your child got 'hooked' on an author or series and are you finding it hard to move them onto something different? Books for topics website has some great ideas we thought we'd share with a focus author or series and other books you can try. Of course, if you want to get ahead, feel free to investigate the website yourselves, it's brilliant!

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Anxiety Management

Free courses for ages 19 years plus, living within Hampshire

GCS (Formally RCS) are running a free course that will help you to understand more about Anxiety; the effects of anxiety, how it impacts your life and how you could develop positive coping techniques to improve your every-day life

DATE: Monday 19th February

TIME: 18.00 to 20.00

VENUE: Online

X 6 Mondays; 19th, 26th Feb, 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th Mar.

All days to be attended

Book your place 01264 359223 rcsserviceseducation@gmail.com

Diary Dates Spring term 2023-24

Our website is also updated with all of these new dates and will now be up to date as we've bravely moved to an online diary for all staff!

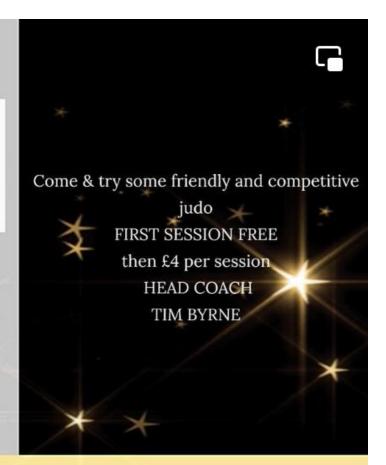
Date	Who does it apply to?	Time	Notes
Mon 12 th - Fri 16 th Feb	Whole school		HALF TERM - INSET DAY MONDAY 19TH FEB
Wed 21 st Feb	Years 3 & 4	10.45am- 12.15pm	Andover Brass taster
Wed 21 st Feb	8 Year 3's	09.30am- 11.30am	Outdoor Learning Event – West Tytherley Primary School
Thurs 22 nd Feb	All parents	7.00pm- 9.00pm	Lorraine Lee
Tues 27 th Feb	Years 4-6	9.00am- 4.00pm	School trip to London Portrait Gallery – Please return permission slips asap
Wed 28 th Feb	Lower Sch	09.00am- 10.00am	Sharing day – pop in to see your child's work.
Thurs 29 th Feb	Upper Sch	09.00am- 10.00am	Sharing day – pop in to see your child's work.
Thurs 29 th Feb		6.30pm- 7.30pm	Brass Open Evening – QR code to book.

Reminder of INSET dates for next year so you can book holidays around these:

Day 4	Monday 22 nd July
Day 5	Tuesday 23 rd July



NEW AND UPCOMING
JUDO CLUB
Opening 05 February 2024



TIDWORTH - CLARENDON CLUB SP9 7QA Mon 1800 1900 primary age Mon 1900 2000 secondary age

STOCKBRIDGE - TEST VALLEY SCHOOL SO20 6HA
Tue/Thur 1830-1930 primary age
Tue/Thur 1930-2030 secondary age
Wed 1830-1930 U13
Wed 1930-2030 +13 & adult