



Whiteknights

Growing Greatness

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Dear Parents/Carers,

To give you a clearer picture of the areas of the curriculum that we are covering this term, we have attached an outline of the subjects that we plan to teach. In addition, we have set out a few reminders that will help the term run smoothly and enable your child to make the best possible progress with their learning.

The 2026 SATs will take place on the week starting Monday 11th May. Please be reminded attendance is a priority this week.

As we move closer to the Year 6 SATs it is important that support continues for children to complete their home learning. To remind you the expectations for home learning are as follows:

- **Spellings:** Throughout the year, the children will be working through a scheme of work to help learn the different spelling rules. Each week, the children will be given weekly 'Log and Learn' spellings with a test on a Wednesday.
- **Reading:** We expect the children to read at home for 30 minutes every day and record this in their diary (please follow the guidance of page 19 of your child's Home Learning Diary). The children can pick a book to read from the selection available in their classroom (within their ZPD) and once read, they are to complete an Accelerated Reader quiz. Diaries will be checked on a Friday.
- **Maths:** Century nuggets will be set on a Wednesday to be completed for the following week.
- **CGP Practice Books:** The children continue to complete their CGP Practice Books. Each week they will be asked to complete one test from each book (Reading, Maths and Grammar). We will mark every Friday in school.

Please ensure that your child adheres to these deadlines as it is good preparation for secondary school.

As per school policy, children are not required to bring in additional equipment such as pencil cases and backpacks. We will continue to provide each child with the necessary stationery in their school packs. We are keen to promote healthy eating at Whiteknights, and request that children bring a healthy snack (fresh fruit or vegetables only) to eat during morning break. Please refer to the weekly newsletter for regular updates about items permitted in school.

Attendance: We expect children to aim to have 100% attendance at school. Obviously, illness cannot be avoided but, if in doubt, please send your child to school and make sure your contact details are up to date with the school office.

Knighthood Scheme: Children will need to continue working through their knighthood booklet this half term. By the end of the year, 20 tasks are required to become a page, 25 tasks for a squire and 30 tasks for a knight. If any child would like to do more that would of course be welcomed. This will all contribute to their end of year banquet where we celebrate their accomplishments.



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PE: A PE kit must be in school during the week for the children to wear for these lessons and taken home to be washed after. Trainers must be worn and a black tracksuit trousers/jogging bottoms and a warm jumper should be included. All pupils must wear a white school PE shirt. These can be purchased from the school office.

If you have any questions, please contact us.

Kind regards,

Miss Barlow, Miss Kindred and Mrs Neville

Year 6 Team

Spring 1 – Crime and Punishment	
Writing	We will be writing a range of genres based on our reading text, The Highwayman. We will begin with writing narratives with dialogue and move onto a balanced argument. We will then begin our new book Holes and write a persuasive letter based on this stimulus.
Maths	We will complete our exploration of ratio and then move on to study algebra. We will then explore percentage, area, perimeter, volume and delve into some work with statistics.
Reading	We will be reading several different texts: The Highwayman (a narrative poem), Crime and Punishment (a non-fiction text) and Holes by Louis Sachar.
Art	We will be exploring art based on pointillism. We will be learning how this concept has evolved through the years with a particular focus on the work of Yayoi Kusama. The children's final piece of art will be a nature scene that uses colour to portray emotion.
History	Linking to our reading text, we are going to be discussing whether Highwaymen are villains or heroes. We will do this by examining a series of questions that include when they existed, why they existed and why they went into decline.
Computing	In Computing, we are going to explore the binary system. We are taking inspiration from Ada Lovelace, merging the worlds of maths, and computing together!
Science	Our focus this half term will be light. Pupils will continue to deepen their understanding by exploring how we see, light within the natural world and understanding refraction and reflection.
RE	This term, we will be answering the question: Is anything ever eternal? We will have a guest workshop from REInspired that digs deeper into this topic.
Latin	The pupils will be understanding how Latin noun endings are changed by the subject and object. They will explore this by looking at how people were remembered and honoured in the Roman times.
PE	Over the half term, the children will be practising the skills of netball. They will understand the rules, develop their skills in throwing and catching and also work on shooting and defending.
Connect	This half term's focus is giving to others. Children will be thinking about acts of kindness and how they can give positive experiences to others. This serves as a helpful reminder for pupils to complete tasks in their knighthood scheme book.
Music	This term, pupils will continue to learn the keyboard. The focus will be on using the notes they have learnt, within an octave, to play the keyboard using both hands at the same time.