



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 2 – Crime and Punishment	
Writing	Linking to our class reading text, Holes, we will be writing a variety of text types. We are really building on independence in writing now and children will challenge themselves to write a narrative that effectively uses dialogue, a balanced argument and a newspaper report.
Maths	This half term, we will be finishing our focus on decimals, fractions and percentages before moving on to area, perimeter and volume. Statistics, shape, position and direction will also be covered.
Reading	We will be continuing to read Holes by Louis Sachar.
Geography	We will learn about natural resources and how they are distributed throughout the world. We will explore global supply chains and sustainability. We will be attending a workshop at Reading University, where the children will learn about renewable energy types and the importance of sustainability.
Computing	In computing, we will be using purple mash to help pupils create a blog page on a topic of their choice. Pupils will share their posts and will be able to comment on each other's pages.
Science	We will be studying the human circulatory system this half term. We will explore what components make up our blood, the function of our heart and how blood is circulated around the body. We will learn about the importance of having a healthy diet, the impacts of lifestyle on our bodies and how the nutrients and water are transported.
RE	We will be answering the question: Is Christianity still a strong religion after over 2,000 years have passed since Jesus was on Earth?
DT	In preparation for the end of year Whiteknights banquet, the pupils will be set the challenge of designing and making a shield. The purpose of designing a coat of arms is to enable pupils to represent

	<p>themselves, develop their skills in selecting appropriate materials and use papier-mâché for effect.</p>
Latin	<p>Pupils will be continuing the learning from last half term. They will learn to understand how Latin noun endings are changed to demonstrate when a noun is an object or subject. This will be explored by looking at how people were remembered and honoured in the Roman times.</p>
PE	<p>This half term we will be teaching Tennis. Children will learn the skills needed in tennis, including footwork, control and serves. Our key person is Carlos Alcaraz.</p>
Connect	<p>We will move on to the next unit in Connect to use our DNA-V (discover, noticer, adviser and values) skills to help us improve how we connect with others.</p>
Music	<p>In Music, we will be continuing to learn how to play notes A, B, C, D, E, F and G on the keyboard. We are also going to be learning about ternary composition, including composing our own ternary piece of music and being able to play a familiar ternary melody (Twinkle Twinkle Little Star) on the keyboard.</p>