

Da Vinci Class



Welcome back!! I hope you've all had a fabulous summer and are ready to begin another busy year at school. I'm really excited about starting my 1st year of teaching at Oxenhope Primary School and am thrilled to have the privilege of having your child in my class. I'm also looking forward to getting to know you better too. If you ever have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to speak to me in the playground or make an appointment to see me.



SNACK.

Children are permitted to bring a healthy snack to eat at morning break. This could be a piece of fruit, vegetable sticks, cheese, yoghurt tube or healthy snack bar. Please remember we are a nut free school. Your child may also bring a water bottle from home. This should be filled each morning at home and taken home each night to be washed and refilled. We do have water coolers in school should your child need to refill their bottle over the course of the day.



Homework.

Homework will begin in week 3. Mrs Jones will send you our new policy before then so you know what to expect for your child with regards to homework in year 3. I will send a further letter confirming what the homework expectations are. This will include all aspects of work at home including spelling, reading, times tables so don't worry if you don't get a reading book or list of spellings for the first couple of weeks. We want to ensure you're fully informed before we begin.



Wednesdays!

On a Wednesday the children will have P.E and computing, this will be covered by Mrs Dawson, as I will usually have PPA time and NQT time. During this time, they will change their books in the library.



Things from home.

Your child is encouraged to bring a book in from home which they are reading if they wish. They may also bring something which relates to the topic we're studying. If you've visited somewhere or they've achieved something special (brownie badge, sports medal etc.) they may also bring this in to show although I cannot guarantee we will always be able to share this on the first day they bring it. Any other things from home should remain at home. Please do not allow your child to bring toys, teddies, notebooks, pens, keyrings, cards etc. to school. A huge amount of learning time can be lost sorting out issues arising from children swapping, losing or breaking things brought in from home. Your support with this will be very much appreciated. Thank you.



Uniform and attendance.

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform each day including plain black shoes, white, grey, black or red socks or tights and plain, simple bobbles, clips and headbands.

Our timetable this year is extremely full and learning will be moving quickly. Barring them being poorly, your child's attendance and punctuality are vitally important. Our doors open at 8:50 and children begin their organisation and learning for the day straight away.



Visits and visitors.

More information will be given about this at a later date.

Maths.

Your child will be taught maths twice each day. The first part of their day will consist of a 20 minute BIG maths session. This will be number based, fast paced learning. The children will work on their counting skills as well as quick mental and written manipulation of numbers to add, subtract, divide and multiply.

Their second maths lesson will cover all aspects of maths over the year including number and place value, the 4 operations, measurement, fractions, decimals, money, time, statistics and geometry.



English

This year, we're adopting a new, text based approach to our English teaching. All the learning in English will stem from a central text. Children will work on reading, writing and GPS activities based around the text. They will also be taught reading skills in small groups and will be taught discrete GPS lessons to ensure coverage of skill. They will produce short bursts of writing regularly and will work up to more sustained pieces at points throughout each unit.



Foundation subjects.



This year, topics will be taught school wide. Each year group will have the same title for the topic and will then take this in different directions to match the age of the children. Our first topic is entitled 'The Village' and will give us all the opportunity to learn more about where we live. Each week, as well as English and Maths, your child will be taught Science, History/Geography, Art/DT, Spanish, PE, RE, Computing, Music/and PSHE. They will be taught the flute as part of their music learning. The class will learn the recorder this year. We will also be doing some oracy work over this year with a view to improving the children's speaking and listening skills. This will be taught through drama, discussion and debate.