

Tividale Community Primary School
Spring Term Newsletter
Class 8



Back to School



This is our timetable for this term.

(Please note that although this is our usual timetable there may be changes due to other events/activities in school.)

	8.55	9.05	10.05	10.25	10.40	11.00	1.05	1.10	2.10	3.15	3.30			
M	Assembly	Maths	Assembly	English	B	L	R	Topic	French	RE	Class Reading			
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T		Maths		English								E	Violins	Topic
U		Maths		English								U	G	PE
G	Maths	English	I	N	S	Science								
W	Maths	English	A	T	Science	Computing	Spelling Test							
I	Maths	English	K	C	E	PE Main hall	Spelling and Handwriting	Class Reading						
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Homework

Topic-Terrific Topic research every half term.

Spelling- Spellings to be learnt for a test every week on a Thursday.

Times table/number bonds- Times tables to be learnt for a test every week on a Friday.

Education City - Maths and English homework will be set sometimes on Education City and sometimes it will be on paper. (Children without access to a home computer will be able to use the school computers for Maths and English homework.)

It would help your child if you could:

- Read with them or share stories/magazines as often as possible.
- Ask them about their learning in school – what have they learnt today? Can they show you some of the things they have done in mathematics? Could you research part of the topic together?
- Encourage them to complete their homework, making sure they write neatly and take care with presentation.
- Ensure they come to school every day at 8.50am.

Geography
We will:- Locate where Egypt is as a country. We will explore the different artefacts and look at the various historical sites.

History
We will: find out about the Egyptians and their way of life. They will also follow the journal of Herbert

PE
We will: learn to play invasion games using throwing / catching. They will play games including strategies, including basket ball.

Our topic is-
The Mysteries
of the Nile

Art and Design-
The children will have a go at designing and making canopic jars. They will also use colour mixing for different painting techniques.

Music
We will: be continuing to learn the violin. Learning how to hold the bow correctly, play specific skills and use the bow correctly to play simple music.

Languages
We will:- Continue to learn basic conversation in French. This will include- birthdays, celebrations and discussing activities that they like.

Design and Technology
The children will plan design and make a salt dough model of the sphinx. The children are going to use the computers to design an Egyptian backdrop and film a clip of their news.

Maths

This term we will be :

Adding and subtracting using cubes, number lines, mental methods and more formal methods.

Multiplying and dividing by using knowledge of times tables.

Describing and making **2D and 3D shapes** using language such as solid, edges, vertices and faces.

Identifying **fractions of shapes and numbers** whilst also comparing and ordering them.

Read and write the **Time** starting with o'clock and half past and progressing on to 1 minute intervals within the 24hr clock.. The children will then be moving into learning about the digital time.

English

This term we will be :

Writing a **narrative** story with a familiar setting. The children will learn to organize their work into paragraphs, and to include a variety of paragraphs.

Writing a **Persuasive text**. The children will learn to organize their work into paragraphs, write in 3rd person (using they, him, her and it). The children will use present tense to provide a balanced argument.

Writing **Narrative** text about fables, so that the children know there is always a problem, solution and a moral to the tale.

Composing **Poems** by taking a poem and laying it out in a way that helps the reader to understand the poem visually.

Computing

The title of our first computing topic in Spring 1 is **We are Town Planners**. The main skills to be taught are to learn to control terminology such as input, output and process. They will also be developing an understanding of electronic systems. They will explore and understand the relationship between on- screen simulations and control hardware.

The title of our second topic is, **We are Presenters**. This will enable them to gain skills in shooting live video-frame shots, holding the camera steady and reviewing this process. The children will learn to edit their videos, add narration and understand the effects of the video.

Science

Our first topic is about Forces and Magnets. The children will know- What a force is and what it can do. The children be able to sort a variety of metal materials by their magnetic force. They will know that different poles attract and repel.

Our second scientific topic is about **Plants**. In this topic the children will be exploring the different sorts of plants there are and learning the terminology - deciduous and evergreen. The children will know that plants grow from seeds and bulbs and they will learn the important use that plant roots have. The children will also learn about how plants make food in their leaves and the nutrients that are needed to do this. The children will know and

understand the process of photosynthesis that occurs with in plants.

Dates for your diary

P.E. – Wednesday and Friday pm

February 15th - Valentines Disco

February 16th - break up for half term

February 26nd - school opens

March 2nd - World Book Day

March 9th Class 7 Assembly

March 22nd - Parents' Evening

March 27th- 29th- KS2 Egg Competition

March 29th-Break up for Easter Holidays

April 16th School Opens

Signed: _____

Date: Spring 2018

