

Tivdale Community Primary School
Autumn Term Newsletter
Class 9



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	12.00	1.05	1.10	2.10	3.15	3.30
M	Morning registration	Maths	Assembly Morning Break	English	Lunchtime Afternoon registration	PE Small Hall	French	RE	Class Reading		
T		Maths		English		Science	Topic				
W		Trumpets		English		PE Main Hall	Maths				
Th		Assembly		Maths		English	Science	Spelling Test		Spelling and Handwriting	
F				Maths		English	Computing	Topic			

Homework

Maths and English - Set on a Friday and to be returned by Tuesday the following week. Alternate weeks paper based and online using Mathletics.

Topic (Termly) – Children will be given a few weeks to complete their Terrific Topic homework.

Spelling – Children will be given new spellings each Thursday in preparation for the test on the following Thursday.

Times tables– Children will be given a focus times table on each Friday in preparation for the multiplication test on the following Friday.

It would help your child if you could:

- Read with them or share stories/magazines/poems 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 maths? 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.



Maths

In both sets we will be revising place value to four or five digit numbers. We will revise oral and written methods for the four operations – addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The children will learn to put their learning into context by reasoning and problem solving, completing Challenge Me questions. It is essential that children learn their multiplication tables to 12x12. These will be tested weekly. In Geometry we will learn about reflective symmetry as well as 2D and 3D shape properties.

English

We will be studying the abridged version of Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens. This will help the children to connect with life in the Victorian era as the book as the book has a historical setting. The children will be developing their dictionary skills whilst looking up new and unknown words found in Oliver Twist. They will also be continuing to develop punctuation, using full stops, capital letters and apostrophes for possession and when a letter is missing.

Computing

The children are going to become musical composers, creating improvisations on an app called Garage Band (which is compatible with Apple ipads). We will be linking our musical composition to our Victorian topic, by selecting period appropriate instruments. Following this, the children will learn how to use and create their own MaKey MaKey (computing technology). MaKey MaKey, created by Jay Silver and Eric Rosenbaum of the MIT Media Lab, is a simple invention kit that allows users to turn everyday objects into touchpads, using the 'MaKey MaKey,' alligator clips, and a USB cable.

Later in the term the children will become 3D Game Coders. They will learn how to create a game world, characters and a game purpose. They will learn how to code the character and modify variables to make the game more playable. Throughout the unit they will be debugging their code to make the characters behave as expected within the game.

Science

The children will learn about electrical inventions, whilst making comparisons to Victorian alternatives. They will learn the difference between series and parallel circuits as well as insulators and conductors. They will also learn about living things and their habitats, recognising that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways. We will explore the importance of classification in Science.

Dates for your diary

2nd October – Black Country Museum Trip for Year 4
12th October – Harvest Festival
17th October – Parents Evening
26th October – School Closes
5th November – School Opens
8th November – Halloween Disco
Week Beginning 19th November – Parent Workshop Week
7th December – Christmas Fayre
12th December – Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert pm
20th December – Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert am/ Party Afternoon
21st December – Break up
7th January – School Closed – Staff Training Day
8th January 2019 – School Open



Signed: C Jones

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