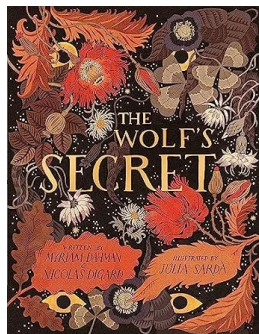




Years 3 & 4 Carpenter Class Autumn 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Firstly, I would like to welcome all of the children and parents back and hope that you have had a good break over the summer holiday. I am really looking forward to teaching Carpenters and during the Autumn Term, we have lots of exciting events going on and some fantastic topics to explore, the details of which I have outlined below.



English:

Our first unit we will be looking at centres around traditional tales. We will focus on the beautiful book *The Wolf's Secret*, a new story in the traditional style, as the starting point for this block. The key focus is on the plot, rich language, design and layout alongside learning about adverbials and the present perfect form. Our next unit is a non-fiction unit on reports. A topical block focusing on the depletion of species in the UK and around the world. Using *Last* by Nicola Davies as a starting point, build noun phrases and use paragraphs to organise texts. Produce infographics and letters. Finally, we will look at poems by the same poet, Michael Rosen. The children will enjoy Michael Rosen's poetry, looking at narrative and rhyming poems. Revise speech punctuation and add detail using conjunctions of time and cause. Write rhyming poems and use poems read as inspiration for story-writing.



Guided reading: The children will be reading *The Twits* by Roald Dahl and then working through weekly comprehension tasks based on a chapter from the story.

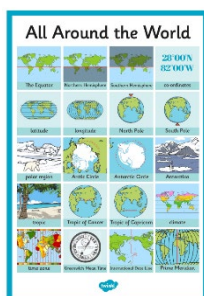


Maths: The children will be working from the mixed age Year 3/4 White Rose Maths Scheme covering

- Place value
- Addition and subtraction
- Multiplication and Division
- Area

History: The history topic for this term is 'Riotous Royalty'. During the topic, the children will be learning about:

- William the Conqueror's reign from 1066 onwards
- How King John made himself very unpopular as monarch
- Why King Henry VIII married so many times.
- Who Queen Anne was
- What Queen Victoria achieved during her reign
- The role of the British monarchy today.



Geography: Our geography focus for the autumn term is 'All Around the World' The children will be learning about:

- Taking a closer look at where the countries of the world are located
- Some of the ways geographers describe locations
- Locate and describe places using longitude and latitude
- Find out about some of the important lines that delineate specific areas of the Earth - the Equator, the Hemispheres, the Poles and the Tropics
- Looking more closely at the lines of longitude, children will develop their understanding of time zones.

Science: We will be covering 2 White Rose Science units this term: States of Matter and Rocks.

Computing: The children will be following the 'Purple Mash' Computing scheme. We will be looking at ways to stay safe online in our first unit before moving onto artificial intelligence, exploring what it is, what it can do, and how it is used in today's digital world. Children learn to write clear prompts to communicate effectively with AI tools, consider the responsibilities of being a good digital citizen when using them, and reflect on how AI might evolve in the future.



French: The children will work through the Year 4 La Jolie Ronde workbook. The children will complete a 15-minute session of French every day (Parcel of learning). We will also take opportunities to celebrate our learning on Feast days and through songs as we have in the past.

RE: 'To know You more clearly'



Branch 1: Creation and Covenant

'The heavens are telling the glory of God.' Psalm 19.1

In this branch, pupils will encounter the God who creates and calls a people. They will explore revelation of the Christian belief that all that is comes from God, the Creation accounts in Genesis, and scientific explanations of the process of Creation. They will explore the call of God and his covenantal relationship with his people first through Abraham and Moses, then through the narrative of the Old Testament.

Branch 2 - Prophecy and promise

'In many and various ways, God spoke to our ancestors by the prophets' (Heb 1:1)

In this branch, pupils will explore the Christian understanding of the teaching of the prophets as they point to the fulfilment of God's promise in a Messiah, Jesus Christ. They will explore the expectant waiting for the Messiah through the Advent season and how this speaks to Christians today as they wait for Christ. Pupils will encounter the story of the nativity of Jesus and the mystery of the incarnation



Mrs Taylor will be teaching the Art and DT units on a Thursday morning.



Art: Autumn

The first unit teaches the children about how to use pencil, colour, paint, print, collage and paper to create quality art work that shows progression in skills. The children will also have the opportunity to explore the work of several paintings of Autumn scenes, also works by Matisse and by Cezanne.

DT: Lets go fly a kite

This unit gives children opportunities to develop their understanding of frame structures and how they can be strengthened and stiffened. Children will discover information about a key event involving a kite that helped shape the world. Children will gain knowledge and understanding about the parts and shapes of kites. This will help them when designing and making their own kites. Finally, children will test and evaluate their kites against design criteria they have created.

Music: Music this term starts with the topic Livin' on a Prayer and then the children will begin to prepare for the Christmas concert that is performed in the church.



Homework:

The homework tasks that the children will be expected to complete are as follows:

- Read their school reading book (daily).
- Practise spellings / Purple Mash (daily).
- Practise times tables using the Multiples Marathon stage sheet they are on (weekly).
- Athletics (weekly) online or paper based

Homework will usually support work undertaken in class and as such, your child should be able to complete a task independently. Homework will normally be given out on a **Monday** and will be due back on the following **Monday**.

Spellings will be given out on a **Monday** and the children will be tested on **Friday**.

Times table tests will take place on a **Wednesday** as well as mental arithmetic tests (your child should know the level of the Multiples Marathon that they are on).

P.E.

PE lessons will take place on a Monday afternoon and will be provided by Premier Sport who currently run football sessions and lunch clubs for us. Please ensure that your child has the following kit suitable for both indoor and outdoor sessions:

- A red t-shirt
- Black shorts
- Trainers
- A pair of tracksuit/jogging bottoms
- A hoodie or sweatshirt



We will aim to be outside as much as possible for our P.E. session, so it is important that the children have the items listed above to keep them warm as the weather gets colder. **Please note: in the interests of safety, children with earrings will be expected to remove them.**

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

The new Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) will be administered to Year 4 pupils within a 3-week period in June 2026. The MTC is an on-screen check consisting of 25 times tables questions. Year 4 children will answer three practice questions before moving on to the official check where they will then have 6 seconds to answer each question. On average, the check should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete. The purpose of the check is to determine whether pupils can fluently recall their times tables up to 12x12, which is essential for future success in mathematics.

All children in the class should be able to access paper copies of the Multiples Marathon tests from the school website which will assist them in their knowledge and fluency of times table recall. It is expected that they practise the level of the test they are currently on at home, over the week in preparation for the Multiples Marathon tests, which take place on a Friday afternoon.

Pencil cases in school

The school provides all the equipment that the children require for them to complete their school work. **The use of pencil cases in Carpenter's Class is therefore discouraged**, as they and their contents can cause distractions, which disrupts learning. Also, items from them become 'lost' which can cause disagreements or distress for the children.

Folders and Planners

Children will be expected to have their class folder and Home School Planner in school everyday. Please ensure they have a names water bottle and fruit based snack or a piece of fruit for snack time everyday.

If you have any queries or questions, then please feel free to arrange a meeting by contacting the school office.

Kind regards,

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