



## Daisy Class: Autumn Term 2024



Welcome back to a new school year! We hope you have all enjoyed a restful summer and are ready for the new term.

### Timetables

Individual timetables for each child will be emailed home shortly. These show where your child will be learning for each subject. Please note that if your child is taking part in swimming lessons, they will not be taking part in Forest School for those terms. So, for Terms 1 and 2, Year 5 will be swimming and will not have Forest School on Fridays. If you have any questions, please do ask us.

### Daily Routine

Each morning, McGinty children are all invited to play on the playground from 8:30 until 8:45. When the main gates open at 8:45, all children should enter school via the Key Stage 2 playground door, not the door to Daisy Classroom. This makes it easier for children to hang up their lunchboxes and belongings on the way down to class. They will then enter Daisy Class ready for early morning activities and registration.

### Important Information to Note

- PE days are as follows:

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| Y4 - Monday | Y5 - Monday (swimming) | Y6 - Monday |
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On inclusion PE days, please send the children into school wearing their full PE kit.

- Art and DT will be taught in the mainstream classes, as a block each term rather than weekly lessons. This will happen in the second to last week of each term. We will send more information nearer the time.
- We have scrapped Reading Journals in favour of recording everything in one place: the Home Learning Book - see further details overleaf.

### General Information

- On Forest School days, please send the children in wearing PE kit (jogging bottoms/leggings) and their school jumper/hoodie. They will also need an old jumper, waterproofs and wellies to go out to Forest School. School jumpers will not be worn in the woods.
- Ms Steele, our Speech and Language Therapist, will be in school on Wednesdays and Thursdays.
- Our class email address is a helpful way to contact us if you have any questions: [daisyteacher@west-malling.kent.sch.uk](mailto:daisyteacher@west-malling.kent.sch.uk). Please note that we are often not able to check this until lunchtime or after school, so urgent messages should be sent via the school office.

### Staff

- Mrs Ray (Mon, Tues, Wed)
- Miss Crann (all week)
- Miss Beadle (Mon, Tues, Wed)
- Mr White (Mon, Tues)
- Mrs Reeves (Thurs, Fri)
- Mrs Savage (afternoons, all week)
- Miss Chapman (Wed, Thurs, Fri)
- Mrs Denby (Wed, Thurs, Fri)

Many thanks,  
Mrs Ray and Mrs Reeves

## Home Learning

We have considered how we approach home learning for the year ahead and have made some changes that we hope will increase independence, enthusiasm and consistency as this will have a huge, positive impact on their progress.

**PLEASE SEND HOME LEARNING BOOKS INTO SCHOOL EVERY MONDAY.**

### Expected Activities

These activities need to be completed on a regular basis, as detailed in each box in **bold**.

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| <p><b>Reading</b> should be completed <b>daily</b> and recorded in the Home Learning book. Books will be changed in school as required - bring them in to change when you want to, no set day. You can read a book from school or one you have at home. Every read counts and you will earn:</p> <p>20 reads = bronze certificate<br/>40 reads = silver certificate<br/>60 reads = gold certificate</p> <p>Then every 10 reads after = 1 raffle ticket for our Christmas grand prize draw!</p> | <p><b>Maths</b> (TTRockstars or Mathletics) should be recorded each time it is completed (ideally, <b>daily</b>) on the sheet enclosed in the Home Learning Book. Having a good knowledge of basic number facts really improves maths confidence, so do use Live Mathletics regularly to practise mental maths recall.</p> <p><b>Times Tables</b> - should be practised <b>once or twice per week</b>. You can choose to practise any way you like (TTRockstars, Top Marks, Mathsframe, a deck of cards) - repetition is key!</p> |
| <p><b>Nessy</b> should be practised for a minimum of <b>20 minutes twice per week</b>. The Nessy programme will periodically reassess you to find out which phonic sounds and spelling rules you need to practise. So make sure that when it asks you to do an activity without help, you do your best on your own so that Nessy can set you the best games and activities for you!</p>                                                                                                        | <p><b>Vocabulary</b> - Key words from your child's learning will be stuck in the Home Learning Book for the term. Please choose 2-3 of these words each week to practise using - saying them aloud, in a sentence and writing them in a sentence in their book.</p> <p>eg. <i>Synagogue</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Say it out loud, clap the syllables</li><li>2. Say it in a sentence: a synagogue is where Jews worship.</li><li>3. Write the sentence in their book</li></ol>                            |

### Additional Home Learning

**Walk on the Wild Side** - Suggestions of outdoor activities that can be enjoyed as a family over the course of the term can be found on the link below. There is no obligation to do these but spending quality time in nature has huge benefits to mental health and wellbeing.

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2020/10/autumn-outdoor-activities-for-kids/>

We would love to hear about your adventures in your Home Learning Book.

**Please feel free to use the Home Learning Book for any other learning or practise that you take part in at home.**