



Class 7 Curricular Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everybody! It's fantastic to welcome the children back after summer and there is a superb atmosphere around school. We do hope you and your family managed to have a brilliant break over the summer and that you managed to recharge your batteries.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to Class 7! For those of you who may not know me, I am Mark Holmes and I will be your child's teacher for the next academic year alongside Jenny Leap. Anne Fothergill, Louise Hickey and Alison Porter will be supporting us in Class 7. Anne will teach the class on a Wednesday afternoon. Jenny will team teach Literacy with me and will take either the year 3s or 4s for both Spelling and Maths. We will alternate which year group we teach so that we teach all the children throughout the year. The children have made an excellent start to the year and have settled into our classroom routines brilliantly. We have really enjoyed getting to know the children so far and we know this year is going to be amazing! We have a superb year ahead of us and we can't wait to begin exploring the topics we have lined up for the year with the children.

This curriculum newsletter will tell you all about the units and areas of learning being covered in this first half term. All the children will be learning the same topics but will cover the specific year group expectations for Year 3 and Year 4. Our first topic is called 'How did Britain change from the Stone Age to the Iron Age?' and many of our subjects will relate to this.

Ukulele lessons will begin on Thursday 11th September and the children will be taught by Harry Westall from the Lancashire Music Service. A permission letter has been sent home to allow your child to use a school ukulele and to bring it home to practice with. Please return this to us as soon as possible.

The Half Term Ahead

R.E.—What do the words of the Lord's Prayer really mean?

Science—Can objects really be attracted to each other?

Geography—What makes the United Kingdom?

History—Could I have been a hunter gatherer?

Computing—How can I find accurate answers to the questions I have?

PSHE—Why is friendship so important?

Music—What is the ukulele and how can I play it?

French—Comment t'appelles-tu?

P.E.—Could I be an Olympic athlete?

Days to Remember

Wednesday

Mrs Fothergill teaches (pm)

Thursday

Bring ukulele to school.

Friday

Spelling and times tables tests.

New spellings and times tables sent home.

PE
Children may come to school in their school PE kit.

Maths

We will teach Red Rose Mastery Maths. The children will split into their year groups and be taught by myself and Jenny Leap. The Autumn term units being taught comprise of place value, length and perimeter, statistics and addition and subtraction.

Children will also practice their times tables in class - your support of this at home too is much appreciated. Throughout the year, the children will be sent home a specific times table to practice over 3 weeks. They will then be tested on this. Please encourage your child to practice on TT Rockstars alongside any other ways they choose to use.

It is expected that all Year 4 children will know their times tables **fluently** (be able to recall any fact within 6 seconds of being asked) up to 12×12 by the end of the year in preparation for the statutory primary school Multiplication Tables Check in June 2025.

English

In English this half term, we will begin by reading the classic story 'Peter Pan' written by J. M. Barrie. During the reading phase, we will look at the setting of Neverland and focus on the vocabulary and sentence types the author uses to describe the setting. We will look at other classic stories and their settings in order for the children to begin to create and develop their own ideas for innovating Neverland before creating their own fantasy or adventure setting.

Year 3 children will focus on using prepositions and Year 4 children will develop their use of fronted adverbials for where.

Later on this half term, our focus will then change to looking at recounts and writing diary entries from the viewpoint of a hunter gatherer to understand what life was like.

Notes for Parents

Currently, your child is permitted to come to school wearing their PE kit for the whole day when it is their PE day (Friday). Please make sure they also bring their named school jumper/cardigan and a coat for when they play outside!

Children are encouraged to bring a drinks bottle filled with water to school each day. It must be taken home daily and washed.

Homework will be set half-termly and appear as a 'Home Learning Menu'. The menu will be made up of different tasks and ideas that span many areas of the curriculum. All English, Maths and one RE task plus any other two choices must be completed. This is a great opportunity for your child to show an array of skills. Many parents ask if they can help with activities and projects and the answer is most definitely a resounding 'yes!' There is nothing more motivating for a child than an interested adult.

Hand in date: Monday 20th October 2025.

Reading

As your child is developing as an independent reader, they may often enjoy reading alone, however, it is still incredibly beneficial for your child to be read to and to read aloud to an adult daily. They should focus on reading for meaning - predicting what will happen in the story and why, and also thinking about the characters feelings.

Naturally, the focus changes and you are no longer working on building up fluency and expression but looking at prediction, deduction and inference. Questions such as 'What do you think . . . will do next?' 'What could happen here?' 'Why is . . . behaving like that?' will help children to develop their higher order reading skills.

Your child is responsible for changing their book. We are aware that some children may enjoy their own books at home, however we are also giving the children a school book to encourage wider reading of different genres.

The children will also visit the school library and choose a library book.

Reading records will be checked regularly. Please do sign the record and make comments - we do value your input. Please also remember the reading certificates which the children can receive for regular reading!

And finally...

At any point, should you have any questions or want to contact me, please feel free to email me (m.holmes@st-georges.lancs.sch.uk) or catch me on the playground. Thank you for your continued support!

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