



Meole Brace
C of E Primary School and Nursery



HEADTEACHER NEWSLETTER

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January 2025

CURRICULUM AND LEARNING



It has been a busy start to 2025 and the Spring term here in school with the children settling back quickly into their learning and routines.

As always, we encourage lots of conversations at home with the children about what they are learning in school. To help you with these discussions, I just wanted to remind you all that you can find out about their current topics and units of work by visiting [our school website](#) and selecting your child's year group from under the "Classes" tab. Within each year group page, you will see a tab entitled "What are we learning this term?" where you will find the overarching curriculum map for the year, the year group reading spines which showcase the key texts for the year, and an overview of this term's learning similar to the one pictured below.

Literacy

We will be writing narrative stories, explanation texts, recounts and diary entries linked to our theme. We will be creating instructions on how to make Tudor biscuits. Children will develop their sentence writing skills using different sentence structures. We will also be reading the novels 'Spymaster' and 'Dwer's Daughter'.

Maths

This term we will be exploring fractions in their different forms and division. We will also be learning about decimals and shape. We will be working very hard on our times tables, while we build towards the test in June. We will also be starting to work on measures and angles.

Science

Our Science units this term will be learning about "Animals including humans". We will learn about how the digestive system works, the functions of teeth and the different food chains in our world. We will be completing different investigations and developing our understanding of prediction, results and conclusions.

Art / Design and Technology

This term, we will be focussing on Still Life and taking inspiration from Paul Cezanne. We will be creating our own pieces of art using layers. We will be making Tudor biscuits for our DT this term to link with our topic.

Physical Education

This term we will be creating and performing our own dance routines linked to the Tudors. We will be taking part in gymnastics and athletics this term. There will also be opportunities for children to take part in sport outside of school.

Computing/ Music

This term we are looking forward to learning more about being safe and how to search online. We will also be developing our skills further in computer science through the "logo" program. In music, we are learning about composing our own lyrics and rhythm and learning to play the PBuzz.

Year 4 Theme—The Tudors

History/Geography

We will be learning all about the Tudor time period in Britain. We will study different monarchs and the key events of their reigns. Focussing on Henry the VIII and his six wives and Elizabeth I. In geography, we are studying our local area. We will be comparing the human and physical geography of Shrewsbury in comparison with Birmingham over time.



Year Four

Spring Term



Religious Education

This term we are learning about Hinduism. With a focus on what it means to be Hindu in Britain today. The children will explore how Hindus show their faith in the community, how they worship at home, and what the terms dharma, Santan dharma, puja and bhajans mean—along with other new vocabulary.

You should have also received a paper copy and on the reverse side you will find some key information and timetable information for the term ahead.



SPORTS EVENTS & FIXTURES

It's been an exciting month of sport with children going out to represent the school

in football and dodgeball, while we hosted an Embrace tag rugby competition here in school and came out on top as overall winners!

Our Sports Leaders have also been busy, continuing their training through the TrustED Sports Partnership. They then put on a hockey tournament in school, coaching and refereeing for the younger children.

Visit the [Sports Teams and Fixtures](#) page of the school website to keep up to date with all the action.



EVENTS - SAFER INTERNET DAY



**Safer
Internet
Day 2025** | **Tuesday
11 February**

Next month sees one of the biggest events of the half term for us here in school as we celebrate Safer Internet Day, an annual, nationwide event aimed at raising the awareness of how we can all keep ourselves safe online. This year's theme is "Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online" and after an introductory assembly, children throughout the school will take part in lessons about the dangers of social media and their roles in creating a safer internet. For more information about this event and how you can support your child/children's learning at home, please visit:



ONLINE SAFETY



Keeping children safe online is an ever increasing challenge for parents/carers, with technology and the potential dangers changing all the time. The more knowledge we have, the more able we are to avoid those risks and protect the children. To help you to keep up to date, please see our monthly [Online Safety Newsletters](#) and we will also share regular parent/carer information videos like the one below: (<https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/online-safety-parent-session-jan-2025/>).



UPCOMING EVENTS



- Children's Mental Health Week – Week beginning Monday 3rd February 2025
- Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 11th February 2025
- February Half Term break – Week beginning Monday 17th February 2025
- World Book Day – Thursday 6th March 2025
- Y4 Residential Visit to the Pioneer Centre – Friday 7th to Sunday 9th March 2025
- Dance Club Performance at Theatre Severn – Monday 17th March 2025
- Comic Relief – Friday 21st March 2025
- Mother's Day Breakfast – Friday 28th March 2025

TERM DATES 2024/2025

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