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Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you have had a good week and that the children have enjoyed their learning and have been able to share with you some of what we have been doing in school!

This term's curriculum map (with more information about topics covered) can also be found on our website on the 'curriculum' tab, then 'curriculum overview'.

This Week

This week in PSHE we have been thinking about how we cope with changes in our lives and ways to navigate life's ups and downs. We have also been making simple switches in Science and understanding their role in circuits.

Next Week

In Maths, we will be continuing with the Addition and Subtraction unit.

In English, we shall be reading 'Until I met Dudley' by Roger McGough and looking at the explanatory text genre.

In our Art lesson, the children will be creating their self-portrait in the style of Vincent van Gogh.

We have introduced very structured handwriting sessions weekly to help the children with their letter formation etc. You could help at home please by encouraging them to used joined writing and practice writing neatly.

Homework

Maths homework will be in homework books on Tuesday 13th October for completion by Monday 19th October.

Spelling words will also be given out on Tuesday 13th October for testing on Monday 19th October.

Please encourage your child to use Times Table Rockstars regularly to improve their fluency with multiplication.

Reading

Please ensure your child's Reading Record is signed by an adult. Children should be reading every evening for at least 15 minutes and, where possible, to an adult. All books can be changed during the class Library Session.

Roman Day experience

We are organising a Roman Day with different activities for the children to experience in school on Wednesday 21st October. This will take the place of the trip to Verulamium in St Albans. Children are invited to come into school dressed as a Roman character. This is not obligatory and if children do not wish to dress up, they should come to school in their uniform as usual.

Notices and Reminders

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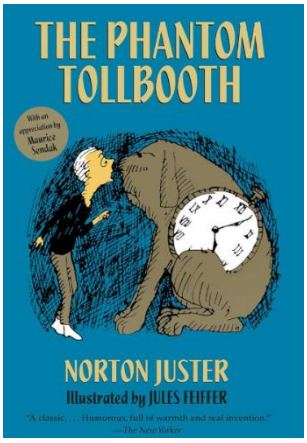
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P.E. - Please make sure that all children have P.E. kits, including trainers, in school every day. If your child has a sports' club after school for which they need their PE kit, please ensure it comes back into school the next day.

Please ensure that your child has a pencil case in school with the necessary equipment, including a whiteboard pen and a glue stick.

Book Recommendation



This week, Mrs Mendez recommends 'The Phantom Tollbooth' by Norton Juster.

Upcoming dates (taken from the whole school newsletter)

Week Beginning 12th October	Pennies for the PTA House Competition
Tuesday 13th October	**Parents Consultation Evening**
Wednesday 14th October	**Parents Consultation Evening**
Wednesday 21st October	Year 3 Stone Age Workshop
Thursday 23rd October	Yr 5 Harvest Festival assembly to school am
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(Half term - Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October)

Monday 2nd November	**Training Day (no children)**
Monday 3rd November	Children return to school
Monday 3rd November	Nasal Flu vaccinations
Friday 6th November	Individual photographs
Tuesday 17th – Friday 20th Nov	Travelling Book Fair Days
Friday 19th November	Art Frames Exhibition
Friday 13th November	Children In Need Day
Monday 7th December	Choir visit to Poplars Care Home
Friday 11th December	Christmas lunch, Christmas Service and Christmas Jumper Day TBC
Monday 14th December	Autumn term report cards out to parents/carers
Monday 14th December	Year 3 Christmas performances dress rehearsal to the school
Tuesday 16th December	Year 3 Christmas Performance to parents/carers 9:30am

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Wednesday 16th December — Year 3 Christmas Performance to parents/carers 5pm
Thursday 17th December — Christmas Parties
Friday 18th December — **School term ends at 12:30pm**

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Mendez, Miss Malone, Miss Cook

Reminders/deadlines/ key dates for next week				
Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**
Spelling test and homework due	Beech, Elm, Maple – PE Beech, Maple – Library		Beech, Elm, Maple - PE	Elm – Library Beech, Elm, Maple - PE

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European Day of Languages 2026 - LANGUAGES UNITE!

A Language/ Art Competition for Whiteheath Junior School

You are invited to create a piece of art that celebrates how languages bring people together.

Your artwork could show:

* Children from different countries becoming friends
* People communicating even when they speak different languages
* A colourful collection of words from different European languages
* How saying hello, friend, thank you or welcome can bring people together
* A multilingual map of Europe
* A creative representation of languages travelling across borders
* An imaginary world where everyone speaks many languages

Every entry must include at least 3 different languages.

Choose your category

1. Art and illustration

Create a drawing, painting, collage or mixed-media artwork.

2. Words that unite

Create an artistic poster using words or short phrases in different European languages.

3. Story and illlustration

Write a short story about children who use different languages to become friends, accompanied by an illustration.

4. 3D Languages Unite

Create a sculpture, model, paper craft or other 3D artwork.

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Entries will be judged on:

- Creativity & imagination
- Use of different languages
- How well it expresses “Languages Unite”
- Artistic presentation
- Originality

Prizes will be awarded to the winners and runners up in Lower School and Upper School

Please submit your entry to Mrs Mendez in Maple Classroom by Friday 24th October 2026.

GOOD LUCK!

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