

UPPER JUNIOR NEWS - SPRING 1

Christmas is now a distant memory, the days are getting shorter and it's been brilliant to see the children back at school embracing their learning. We have lots of exciting learning opportunities to look forward to this term.

What's on this half term?

Benin Kingdom (Art and History)

Children have had enormous fun developing their artistic skills and learning to manipulate clay in order to recreate the famous Benin bronzes. In history, they are learning about the rise and fall of the Benin Kingdom and will be considering the significance of various aspects of their civilisation (for example, trade, war and social structure).

Properties of materials (Science)

In this physics unit, children are learning to group materials based on their properties and understand how this affects their use. They will explore reversible and irreversible changes, for example dissolving and evaporation.

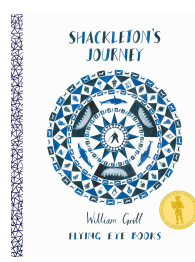
You can find more information on the Upper Junior curriculum [here](#).

English

War Horse One of Michael Morpurgo's most famous works, this story explores the highs and lows of WWI through the eyes of a farm horse.

Hard Frost Inspired by the recent cold snap, this poem by Andrew John Young captures how frost can be both brutal and beautiful.

Shackleton's Journey Children study this gripping true story through the words and pictures of William Grill.



Maths

Children will:

- Find the area, perimeter and volume of shapes.
- Use a protractor to measure angles.
- Recognise acute, obtuse and reflex angles.
- Calculate missing angles on a straight line and around a point
- Understand the properties of 2D and 3D shapes
- Interpret information from graphs, tables and timetables



A sneak peak at our clay masks

We can't wait to see them when they are painted!



Coming soon...



The DRAGONS are returning to Hordle! Year 5 and 6 will be tasked with coming up with a business idea that they will pitch to the 'dragons', hoping to secure an investment.

This project will test their creativity, maths skills and, above all, ability to cooperate. Who will raise the most money for their class charity?

The charity marketplace will take place on **14th Feb.**
More details to follow.

Supporting your child at home

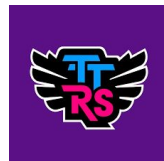
Reading - we ask that children read 4x per week and that this is recorded in their reading challenge. Reading challenges are expected to be in school every day.

Homework - Maths or SPAG homework is set and checked each Wednesday. Please check Century for due assignments.

Spellings - We really appreciate your support in helping your child to learn their weekly spellings. They will be tested each Friday.

TTRS - Regular times table practise helps with many areas of the Upper Junior maths curriculum. We encourage children to complete 10 garage sessions per week.

If a child is unable to complete homework tasks at home, they will be invited to a lunch time catch up club.



Home learning links

SORA

SORA is a free app from Hampshire's school library service. When you download the app, children will have access to hundreds of quality e-books or audiobooks - perfect for long car journeys or bedtime listening.

Key dates

Please visit the [school calendar](#) regularly for updates.



Attendance

We monitor attendance carefully as there is a strong link between attendance and achievement. Days off add up to lost learning. We appreciate your support in allowing your child to access the education they deserve.

Getting in touch

Teachers are happy to help and are generally available at the end of the school day or by email. Please do not try to catch them in the mornings while they are settling the children. Urgent messages can be passed to the school office.

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Please allow up to 2 school days for email responses as teachers are child-facing during the day.