

UPPER JUNIOR NEWS - AUTUMN 2

The children had a fantastic half term, and had a lot of fun making pasties, recording vlogs and more. Learning in Autumn 2 is well underway and children are working hard in the run up to Christmas.

What's on this half term?



Human Geography- Energy & Sustainability

Children will continue their learning by building onto last terms knowledge and discovering why the move to renewable energy is not easy through a debate about wind farms and a written End of Unit Workout.

Earth & Space (Science)

In this physics unit, children learn about how ideas around our solar system have developed through time to a heliocentric model. Furthermore, children will be working scientifically by comparing day and night by investigating sundials and how shadows help us to tell the time.

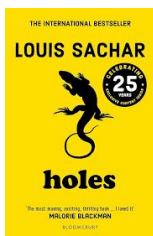
You can find more information on the Upper Junior curriculum [here](#).

English

Holes Children will study chapters of this popular text in detail and write their own exciting 'escape' narrative using characters from the book.

Balanced arguments Children use their knowledge from geography to debate and consider environmental issues.

A Christmas Carol Children study this festive classic by exploring the viewpoint of Ebenezer Scrooge.



Maths

- Identify and convert between equivalent fractions, including improper fractions and mixed numbers.
- Solve fractions problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
- Develop understanding of decimals, involving the 4 operations and rounding.
- Find percentages of amounts.



Supporting your child at home

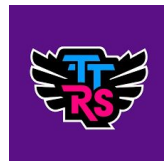
Reading - we ask that children read 4x per week and that this is recorded in their reading challenge. Reading challenges are expected to be in school every day.

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.