

## Torrige Parents Newsletter – Summer Term 2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, I hope you had a restful Easter and that your children are looking forward to the summer term. This is our fourth term, and hopefully the last, under Covid-19 restrictions and I am sure we are all looking forward to life resuming normality again.



In literacy this half term we will have a theme of heroes and legends. We will write a newspaper report about Spiderman; recount a legend of a Greek hero and have balanced debates on charity work. Next half term we will write fables, formal letters and study figurative poems by James Reeves.

A lot of our writing will be linked to our £5 Charity Project. This is our bi-annual project that we were unable to do last year. Children are asked to create a product (or service) with a maximum of £5 for raw materials. We will then hold a 'market day' in June when they can sell their products. The profit they make will be divided between the FOCS and charities of the children's choice. More details about this – along with a loan of £5 will be given out later in May.

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In RE this half term we are studying how faith can help people in hard times such as bereavement. We will look at the Christian belief of life after death and compare it to the Hindu belief of reincarnation and the humanist view of death. During this topic, I am sure we will make reference to The Queen and the strength she gets from her faith. Please let me know if your child has had a recent experience of bereavement so I can support them during this topic. In the second half of term we will be considering what type of world Jesus would want for us.

In computing we will learn how to create a web page and then develop our ability to program with Scratch.

Our art topic this term will be based on Olympic Sport and we will create drawings and sculpture that show movement. In DT we will create movement with gears and cogs.

Mrs Philips will continue to teach humanities to KS2. Our history topic this year will be Ancient Greece; our geography topic for later in the term will be mapping the UK.



Mrs Rogers will continue to teach science and this term children will study forces of gravity and the effect of gears and pulleys upon force needed to move an object. They will also learn how to keep themselves healthy in PHSE and study the effects of drugs and alcohol upon the body.



During the second half of term we aim to have a summer outdoor production of The Tempest. More details about the performance will be given nearer the time.

A4A will be visiting twice a week during the first half summer term on a Monday and Tuesday afternoon. Please make sure PE kits are in school for these days. We aim to hold a school sports day in July. Woodland School will not take place during the first half of term for KS2. It will restart for Torrige class in June (when A4A is only in one day a week).

Mrs Buckley will be teaching the DooD. This is a wind musical instrument with recorder style fingering and a clarinet style mouth piece. We have also enlisted in the Devon Big Summer Sing. In July, children will have the opportunity to participate in an online choir with children across Devon. To meet with Covid guidelines, some lesson may be taken outdoors. Please ensure children are always dressed warmly so any lesson can be moved outdoors whenever appropriate.



Afterschool clubs will resume this term. Year 4/5/6 are invited to participate in Monday's sports club with A4A at Filleigh. This will allow our children the opportunity to get to know more children in Year 5&6 in preparation for transition to secondary schools. A4A will also run a Chittlehampton based club on a Tuesday for all KS2. Teaching staff will run clubs where possible. Details of these will be sent out in a few days' time.

Please contact me, via email or through the office, if you have any concerns about your child's time in Torridge this term.

Yours sincerely,

Wendy Evans

#### Timetable

	Morning lesson 1	Morning lesson 2	Morning lesson 3	Afternoon lesson 1	Afternoon lesson 2
Monday	Spelling	Literacy	Maths	PE	Science
Tuesday	Guided Reading	Literacy	Maths	PE	Italian PHSE
Wednesday	Arithmetic	Music	History	Maths	Literacy
Thursday	Spelling	Literacy	Maths	RE	ICT
Friday	Guided Reading	Literacy	Maths	Handwriting	Art Reading Buddies