



## Newsletter Rundell Spring 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a brand new term and year. We hope you had a fantastic and restful break. It is great to see the children back smiling and eager to learn. They have made a great start already!

This newsletter is to inform you of some of the important information about the children's learning and events that are happening this term. Please keep an eye on MyEd for all the latest news and updates regarding events happening at Fishtoft Academy.

You can also keep up to date with the latest news by following us on Facebook and X.

Thank you for your continued support!

Mrs Russo and Mrs Gough

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Znajdź link do przetłumaczenia tego biuletynu na inny język - [Google Translate](#)

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## Important Term Dates

PE- Tuesday PM

23rd January Whole School Assembly- Launch of Athlete Visit

6th February- Olympic Athlete visit. Children need to ensure they have their PE kit in school.

11th/12th February- Parent's Evening. More details on this to follow.

Last Day of Term 3 Friday 14th February

## Our Curriculum

### Maths:

**This term, the children in Rundell Class will be leaning about Multiplication and Division. They will be following each of the White Rose small steps.**

### Key Concepts Covered:

- Year 5 Objectives:** Identify multiples and factors, including finding all factor pairs and common factors. Recognize prime numbers up to 100 and understand prime factorization. Multiply and divide numbers mentally, including using known facts. Multiply numbers up to 4 digits by a one- or two-digit number using formal written methods. Divide numbers up to 4 digits by a one-digit number using short division and interpret remainders. Solve problems involving multiplication and division, including scaling and simple rates.
- Year 6 Objectives:** Use knowledge of factors, multiples, prime numbers, and square/cube numbers. Multiply multi-digit numbers up to 4 digits by a two-digit whole number using the long multiplication method. Divide numbers up to 4 digits by a two-digit whole number using long division, interpreting remainders as fractions, decimals, or whole numbers. Perform mental calculations with large numbers and mixed operations. Solve multi-step problems involving all four operations, deciding the order of operations (BODMAS). Understand and calculate percentages, linking them with fractions and decimals. Explore ratio and proportion as extensions of multiplication and division.

Oak National Academy have some amazing resources to further support your child's learning:

[Free KS2 Maths teaching resources | Page 1 of 2 | Oak National Academy](#)

### **Times tables :**

This year, we will continue to focus on times tables. It was a government expectation that by the end of Year 4, all children should know their times table and division facts up to and including 12 x 12. Knowing these is essential to them being able to access many areas of the Year 5/6 curriculum. To continue to support the children with their times tables they will be singing songs and doing times table focused activities as part of their Maths lessons.

Throughout the year, the children will continue to be tested on their times tables to further boost/secure their knowledge and also give them an opportunity to earn their times tables certificates.

Please find below the links to TT Rockstars and Hit The Button which the children can use at home to practice their times tables:

[Times Tables Rock Stars \(ttrockstars.com\)](https://www.ttrockstars.com) - **TT Rockstars**

[Hit the Button - Quick fire maths practise for 6-11 year olds \(topmarks.co.uk\)](https://www.topmarks.co.uk)- **Hit The Button**

### **English:**

This term the children are writing with the purpose to entertain using visual literacy as a stimulus. The children will watch a clip called Ruin which focusses on a post-apocalyptic world! They will start by writing a setting description and will then start to develop characters for a narrative.

Oak National Academy have some amazing resources to further support their learning:

[Free KS2 English teaching resources | Page 1 of 3 | Oak National Academy](#)

### **Spelling Shed**

To help develop the children's spelling, we use Spelling Shed. This program has fantastic games/resources to help the children practice their weekly spellings. The children will be given assignments every week based on a spelling rule.

Please find the link for Spelling Shed below:

<https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb/>

### **Geography:**

Our Geography topic for the term is Renewable Energy. The children will start by looking at what renewable energy is and why it is important- focusing on wind power and creating their own wind turbines. They will then explore the different types of renewable energy and how they work before looking at the effects Global Warming has had on the planet.

They will conclude the topic by investigating where the best places are to put renewable energy to ensure they are effective and identifying how the installation of renewable energy sites change the landscape and economy of the local area.

Oak National Academy have some fantastic resources to help support your child's learning further:

[Unit: Energy: how do we power the world? | KS2 Geography | Oak National Academy](#)

## Important Info

### Boom Reader

Your child will be allocated two reading books. One from a reading scheme and the second will be a reading for pleasure book that the children have chosen for themselves . We will continue to use Boom Reader to log reading activity. When using this application, could you please log reading with a parent and when the children read to themselves.

To access Boom Reader, please click on the link below:

[BoomReader Parents \(go-read.co.uk\)](#)

If you have any questions or problems, please don't hesitate to come and see me.

### Homework

Homework will be set on a Friday and is due in the following Wednesday. The homework is always fully explained to the children and often recaps things they have been learning in class. The children will be sent home with a copy of the pick and mix grid which has the homework for the term on (this is also available on the school's website). If there are any issues or problems with the homework, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

### Water Bottles

Please ensure that water bottles contain only water as squash and fizzy drinks are not permitted in the classroom. We also ask that all water bottles are named so the children can easily identify theirs and that they are plastic. Glass bottles are not permitted in school.

### Plus Pay

Fishtoft Academy is a cashless school. To support this, we use an app called PlusPay to pay for a range of things in school (Breakfast/Afterschool club, Trips etc.). If you have any issues throughout the year with PlusPay, please see Mrs Bringeman in the office.

## **MyEd**

Please keep an eye on MyEd as any important information, notices and letters will be posted on the app. We will also post some of the amazing work the children have been doing in class and celebrate some of their successes through our social media platforms. If you have any issues/problems with accessing MyEd please see Mrs Bringeman in the office.

## **Carrot Rewards**

Children can earn a range of certificates and prizes based on the amount of Carrot Reward points they earn. At the end of every term, the highest earners will win special certificates to celebrate their hard work. As well as this, the Carrot Reward points can be spent in the online shop.

To access Carrot Rewards please click on the following link - [School Rewards Platform | Carrot Rewards](#)

## **Doors**

The school gates will open at 8:35am and will close again promptly at 8:45am. Anyone arriving after that time will need to go to the office to be signed in. Gates will reopen again at 3:15pm for collection.

## **Appointments**

If you wish to discuss any problems/issues that arise, then please arrange an appointment at the office with Mrs Bringeman and we will be happy to meet with you.