

Important Dates

Mon 13th Jan	9.00am Volunteer safeguarding training (for new volunteers)
Fri 31st Jan	2.50pm LKS2 Maths games with parents
3rd Feb	Life Bus in school
Fri 7th Feb	PTA disco 5pm KS1 6.45pm KS2
Weds 12th Feb	2.00pm School Council Picture Book Award
Thurs 13th Feb	2.00pm Year 4 Festival of Literature
Half Term	17th - 21st Feb 2020
Mon 24th Feb	INSET DAY
Tues 25th Feb	Children Return to School
25th—28th Feb	Technology Week
Tues 25th Feb	Parent consultations 4-7pm
Weds 26th Feb	Parent consultation 3.30pm—6pm
Thurs 5th March	World Book Day (dressing as an adjective)
Wed 25th March	Year 4 Production 2:15 and 6:30
Fri 27th March	2:50pm Year 4 work sharing
Fri 3rd Apr	Term Ends at 2.00pm



Spring Term 2020

Happy New Year! We hope you had a restful and enjoyable Christmas.

This term we will be diving into The Blue Abyss for our topic, which will include an exciting trip to Southend Aquarium.

The children will also have the chance to show off their acting, singing and dancing skills this term in the year 3/4 production. There will be opportunities to design programmes, props and be in charge of music and lighting. Parents will be invited to watch the final performances on 25th March in both the afternoon and evening.

Miss Stott and Miss Adams



PE Kit

Class 7's PE lessons are on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Class 8 have PE on Fridays and go swimming on Wednesdays.

Each child will need a plain white t-shirt (with or without the Northgate emblem), plain bottle green PE shorts, plain bottle green hoody, plain bottle green joggers and a suitable pair of trainers.

Please ensure that this kit is in school all week and is clearly named, including footwear and swimming kits are in school on Wednesday mornings.

Home Learning

Homework will be uploaded to eschools and a paper copy will come home with your child on a Friday. This will be due in the following Wednesday. Home tasks will vary between English, Maths and Topic. Home Learning should be completed in pencil for maths but can be completed in pen for other subjects. Tasks should take about half an hour to finish.

Trips / Events/ Workshops this term

We will be going to Southend Aquarium as part of our topic 'The Blue Abyss'.

Our geography after half term focuses on rivers so we will be taking a trip down to the river Stort.

We will also be visiting St Michaels church as part of our RE.

Dates for all these trips will be confirmed nearer the time.

Year 3 and 4 Performance: 25th March

2.15pm and 6.30pm performance

Year 4 work sharing— 27th March at 2:50pm.

Drop Off / Pick Up

Children need to be dropped off at 8:45am and picked up at 3:15pm. If you are collecting from the playground, please wait in the netball court.

Topic

The Blue Abyss

In our Blue Abyss topic, our geography will focus on oceans and rivers. We will remind ourselves of the oceans in the world, find out about the layers of the ocean and learn about The Great Barrier Reef. After we will look at what rivers are and the different parts of a river.

In art we will be focusing on the artist 'Hokusai' and will recreate his famous artwork 'The Great Wave' using watercolours.

Our science will focus on classifying living things into vertebrates and invertebrates.

Maths

Your child's Maths lessons this term will focus on a range of topics, including:

- Converting units of measure
- Perimeter
- Properties of shape and symmetry
- Decimals
- Money

We would be grateful if you could continue to support your child in learning their times tables at home. Year Four will be completing the new National Times tables test in the summer term.



Reading

In class, we will be reading a range of texts, including Kensuke's Kingdom which is linked to this term's topics.

All children have a reading record book which they are expected to take home and bring into school daily. Children may use school library books or bring in an age appropriate book from home. Please listen to your child read at least three times per week in order to help them increase their vocabulary and deepen their understanding of the text. If your child has lost or misplaced their reading record, please let us know as soon as possible.