

Reach Up, Reach Out in Investigator Class



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Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to school! The children have made a brilliant start to the term by easing into their new classroom environments and have enjoyed getting to know each other.

Our topic this term is 'The Great Outdoors'. We will be experiencing a number of outdoor activities, some of which will then become the focus of our English writing. Please see the following pages for our class timetable and an outline of the topic.

PE days for this term are Tuesday and Fridays for Year 4. Year 5 have PE on a Friday too but will be attending Forest School on Tuesdays. Please can children come to school wearing their PE kit on their PE days, they may need some navy tracksuit bottoms or base layers and a school jumper/hoody for the coming colder days. Year 5 children need to come into school wearing school uniform on Tuesdays and change into Forest School clothing with waterproof shoes or wellies, to be brought in in a separate bag please. They will need to bring PE kit in on other days if they are doing sports clubs.

This term, Maths homework will be given on a Wednesday, to be returned completed the following Wednesday so it can be marked in school. English Skills homework will be every Thursday, to be returned completed to be marked in school. Spellings and dictation will also be given and tested on Thursdays. Weekly spellings can be found in your child's planner.

We will be still using outside spaces in school as much as possible this term, so please can you ensure your child has a waterproof jacket/coat and a sturdy spare pair of shoes everyday as our class will be using the walled garden daily during break and lunch times; even if it is wet under foot. I am happy for children to leave some outdoor shoes in a named bag on their peg.

If you have any questions or wish to meet with me, please arrange a time with Mrs Sedwell in the office. We do have a class email address: investigatorsclass@nettlebed.oxon.sch.uk which can be used but please do understand that emails to this address may not be read frequently due to teaching commitments.

I look forward to meeting you all in due course.

With best wishes,

Mrs Burbedge

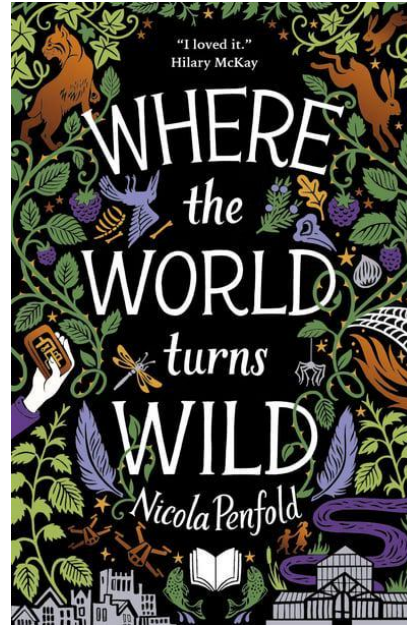
Time	Monday	Tuesday		Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:40 – 8:55	Early Work	Early Work		Early Work	Early Work	Early Work
8:55 – 9:00	Registration	Registration		Registration	Registration	Registration
9:00 – 9:30	Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar	Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar	Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar	Spelling Test	Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar	
				English Homework Marking		
9:30 – 10:45	English	English		English	English	English
10:45 – 11:00	BREAK TIME					
11:00 – 12:10	Maths	Maths	Maths Homework Marking	Maths	Maths	
			Times Table Practise			
12:10 – 12:30	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading	Reading	
12:30 – 1:30	LUNCHTIME					
1:30 – 1:35	Registration	Registration		Registration	Registration	Registration
1:35 – 2:35	Non-core subject	Year 4	Year 5	Topic	Non-core subject	PE
2:45 – 3:30	Non-core subject	PE		Non-core subject	Topic	Assembly
		Outdoor Activities	Forest School			End of Day Activity

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In our topic this term we will be looking at

The Great Outdoors!



Science

This term our topic is 'Living Things & Habitats'.

We will be studying the biodiversity of our great outdoors and challenging our thinking to understand how living things in a habitat are interlinked with each other in their surroundings.

Writing

Our writing will be linked to our topic work and the experiences of the outdoors. There will be a range of text types, including instructions and narrative writing. In all writing, we encourage creativity and imagination.

Reading

We will be using a variety of texts that have an outdoor theme. 'Where the World turns Wild' by Nicola Penfold is one book that we will be using. Everyone is expected to read a fiction book daily both in school and at home; children are welcome to bring in their own book or select one from the class book collection. We will have daily reading sessions in class. Reading comprehension activities and guided reading sessions will take place to further improve confidence in reading.

Please do encourage daily reading at home.

PE

PE for Y4 is on Tuesday and Friday.

Y5 have Forest School on Tuesdays and PE on Fridays.

This term we will be doing football and gymnastics.

French

This term the focus is Transport and 'How do you go to school? These study the language of transport and directions.

Drama

This term we are starting new sessions for the year, learning specific skills with voice control, self-confidence and performance.

Music

Y4 will be trying their hand at the clarinet whilst Y5 will be getting to grips with the ukulele.

Design & Technology

We have a focus on food for this term in DT. What food is grown and available to use for harvest: designing a recipe. There may be an opportunity to look into foraging and identifying what foods we can harvest.

RE

Religious Education this term will explore all kinds of worship in all faiths.