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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to our final term! Our children have worked incredibly hard to reach this point, and it has been wonderful to see the progress they have made throughout the year. This term promises to be just as exciting, with plenty of opportunities for outdoor learning as the warmer weather and longer days arrive.

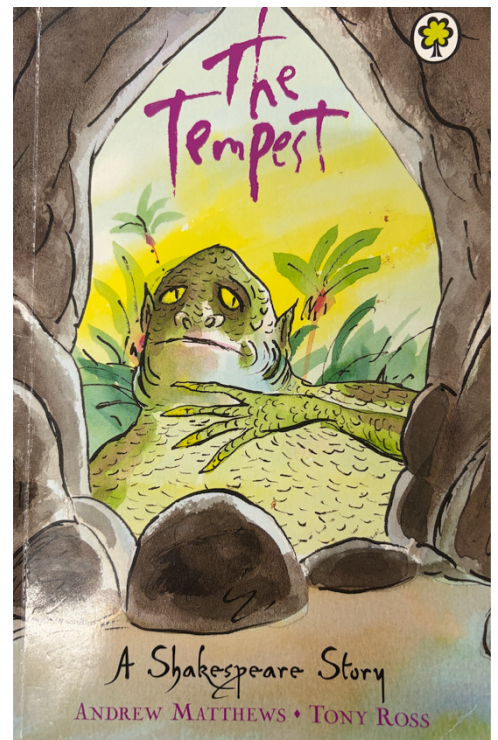
Curriculum – Elizabethans

This term is packed with exciting learning opportunities. Children will take part in a workshop exploring STEM careers, as well as exciting events such as Numeracy Day and Sports Day. These are just a few of the many engaging experiences planned for the summer term.

Our focus will be the Elizabethan era, a fascinating period in history that will inspire learning across several subjects, including English, Character Education, and PSHE.

In English, our focus text will be *The Tempest* by William Shakespeare. Children will explore the play through a range of writing opportunities, including letters and dialogues, leading up to writing and performing their very own playscript.

We are looking forward to a creative, engaging, and memorable term filled with exciting learning opportunities.



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Reading

We want to create a culture that values and supports reading for pleasure and we will commit to the following;

- adults reading aloud regularly
- informal book talk, including recommendations from peers and adults
- encouraging library use, including the local public library
- providing time to read
- sociable reading environments – I have developed a book nook in the classroom, and this will continue to develop over the course of the year.

They should aim to read on at least four occasions in any one week for a minimum of 10-15 minutes at a time. We ask for you to listen to your child read as much as possible during the week to support their reading progression.

Children must bring their reading record in school everyday.

Reading 4 days a week is worth 250 house points this term!

There is also a Summer Reading Challenge taking place this year, which is a fantastic opportunity to encourage children to continue enjoying reading over the holidays. Please follow the link for more information, or simply search online for the *Summer Reading Challenge*. <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Homework

Our homework books will be sent home every **Thursday** and should be returned to school on the following **Tuesday**.

Children are encouraged to seek adult help if they need support in their homework learning. Good pieces of homework and great effort will be rewarded through the school reward systems.

PE Kit

All children should have indoor and outdoor kit e.g. shorts, house coloured t-shirt and plimsolls for indoors and trainers for outdoor sessions. **PE kits should be brought into school every Monday and taken home on a Friday to be washed for the following week.**

There is an expectation for children to wear the correct PE clothing to suit the uniform policy.

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You are able to purchase the correct uniform here

<https://myclothing.com/collections/st-marys-church-of-england-primary-school-banbury-pupil-29271>

Please note pupils are not permitted to take part in PE lessons whilst wearing earrings (unless they have been pierced within the last six weeks in which case they are permitted to tape them up until six weeks has passed.)

Staff are not permitted to assist pupils with the removal or insertion of earrings. If pupils are not able to manage earrings independently, they should not wear them to school on days when PE is timetabled to take place but remove them, with assistance, at home.

Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL)

As part OPAL, the children will be encouraged to have fun in our outside areas throughout the year and in all types of weather therefore it is important that the children have outdoor learning clothing in school every day.

They will need a pair of welly boots to use so that their school shoes remain dry and clean. **Please name your child's boots - as it can be hard to reunite lost clothing and equipment to the right child if it is not named.**

When the weather is particularly wet, children will need a waterproof coat and waterproof trousers. Again, please ensure these are named to avoid them going missing.

Class rewards

Robins will be working towards their final class reward this term. Children are rewarded with marbles for demonstrating our school values, going above and beyond within our school community, showing expected behaviour in the classroom, working well as a team, and demonstrating Koinonia within the class.

150 marbles	300 marbles	450 marbles	600 marbles
20 minutes play time	Bring your favourite snack	Non-school uniform day	Disco party with squash and popcorn

Reminders

- **Water Bottles** – please make sure children have a water bottle with them every day (separate from any drink in their lunch box) as this allows them to access water as and when they require it. To improve the oral health of children, **only water is**

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permitted in class. If your child brings in a bottle filled with something other than water, we will provide them with a cup so that they can access water during the day.

- **Snacks** – Children may bring in a **healthy snack** for mid-morning break. Suitable choices include fruit, cheese, yogurt and vegetable sticks. Do let us know if your child has any food allergies or intolerances.
- **Absence and sickness** – please let the office know if your child is not attending because they are ill. Also please note that Health Protection Agency guidance states that children should not return to school for 48 hours after the last episode of either sickness or diarrhea.

My Child at School (MCAS)

We are now using the My Child at School App to send information to you and to allow you to easily make online payments. If you have not done so already, please sign up by visiting the following website: <https://www.mychildatschool.com/MCAS/MCSParentLogin>

School code: 15144

Contact

Should you need to contact me about any matters arising, you may email direct using the following address:

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I look forward to working with you and celebrate every little achievement of our children, helping them to achieve our school vision of Learning, Transforming and Growing.

Kind Regards,
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