Welcome to a new academic year and an exciting new key stage for the children. Hopefully you will all have had an enjoyable summer and will be ready for the new school year! We are looking forward to getting to know the children and covering some very interesting topics. This year, Mrs Dorota and Mrs James will be the Teaching Assistants, in the mornings, and Mrs Sharkey will be teaching French and Ms Taylor teaching Art and RE, one afternoon each week. We look forward to an enjoyable and action-packed term!

Mrs Sheridan and Mrs Lyne

**English**
We will be exploring persuasive writing and letters, linked to our History topic and EE project, and will be reading and writing shape poetry and calligrams. We will learn to write longer narratives through the ‘Myths and Legends’ genre. Spellings will be taught weekly, with a spelling test once each week.

**Maths**
We will consolidate the understanding of place value up to 1000, solving number problems and using mental strategies for the four operations of number. We will also use written methods in the context of money and measure. There will be regular, informal mental maths tests, which will centre around addition and subtraction facts to 20 and times tables.

**Computing**
The sessions will be linked to our other curriculum work this term to make it more meaningful for the children. We will be looking at combining text and graphics as well as internet safety and using ‘Scratch’.

**P4C/PSHE/Rights Respecting School**
Children will be increasing their level of independent thinking both in terms of their own learning as well as the environment around them. We will be focusing on listening and teamwork skills, being positive, and respecting our environment.

**Enabling Enterprise**
‘Trash to Treasure’ encourages problem solving, teamwork and organisation. Please collect ‘junk’ to be used to make toys from recycled materials.

**Science**
Our topics this term will be ‘Animals, including Humans’ and ‘Rocks’. They will be linked to our History, DT and English units. We will continue to develop the skills of ‘working scientifically’ through planning and carrying out investigations, questioning and making predictions.

**Art/DT**
In Art, we will be using clay, pastels, pencils and paints, exploring proportion and techniques such as trace and draw. We will be looking at the paintings of Paolo Ucello. In DT, we will create an eco-toy to link to Enabling Enterprise.

**PE**
We will be learning gymnastic and tennis skills. The children will need both indoor and outdoor PE kits, this term. We will also go swimming throughout the year.

**R.E./Music**
We will be learning about the Christian Church through festivals and understanding worship. In music, we will be developing our knowledge of the 8 elements of music, singing and listening to various genres and composers.

**Français**
Children will listen attentively to spoken French and understand classroom instructions and learn numbers and colours through songs and rhymes. They will link the spellings, sounds and meanings of words.

**Homework**
**Maths and English**
Children will be given Maths and English homework on Wednesdays, to be handed in by the following Monday. This may be in the form of an activity sheet, game or investigation. Occasionally, they may get homework in another subject instead.

**Spelling**
Spellings will be tested every Monday with new spelling lists given out on Tuesdays. These spellings will need to be practised at home regularly, throughout the week. At times, the children will be expected to use them in the context of their own sentences.

**Important**
Homework diaries are used on Fridays. Please sign the diary every week, after you have read it to see what is planned for the following week. When necessary, write messages for us in the diary, and remind your child to show it to us.

Please ensure that your child has a labelled PE kit in school at all times and a plastic water bottle, with a sports lid that does not leak.

Children should only go to the toilet during playtimes and once in the afternoon. If your child requires more frequent trips to the toilet, please send in a note so that we can make allowances for this.