

UPPER JUNIOR NEWS - AUTUMN 2

The children had a fantastic Autumn 1, and had a lot of fun dressing as Greeks, making podcasts and more! Learning in Autumn 2 is well underway and children are working hard in the run up to Christmas.

What's on this half term?

The Great, the Bold and the Brave! (History)

This half term, we will continue our History theme by moving onto Romans! In this unit, we are studying the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain. We will also be taking part in a Roman workshop in school, where we will handle real Roman artifacts!



Electricity (Science)

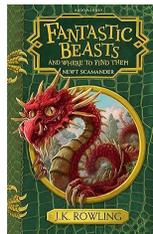
In this unit, children will learn the components needed for simple circuits and how to represent them using scientific symbols. They will then follow their own line of enquiry, designing experiments, recording results and drawing conclusions based on what they found.

You can find more information on the Upper Junior curriculum [here](#).

English

Greek Myths Children follow the story of Theseus and the Minotaur. They consider the viewpoint of the monster and write their own myth from a different perspective.

Fantastic Beasts Children become 'magizoologists' and explore a range of texts involving imaginary creatures. They then design their own creature and write a guide book entry.



The Railway Children Children study this classic novel, exploring use of language. They then write their own action-packed adventure set in the past.

Maths

- Identify and convert between equivalent fractions, including improper fractions and mixed numbers.
- Solve fractions problems involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
- Develop understanding of decimals, involving the 4 operations and rounding.
- Find percentages of amounts.



Supporting your child at home

Reading - we ask that children read 4x per week and that this is recorded in their Reading Challenge. Reading Challenges are expected to be in school every day.

Homework - Maths or SPAG homework is set and checked each Wednesday. Please check Century for due assignments.

Spellings - We really appreciate your support in helping your child to learn their weekly spellings. They will be tested each Friday.

TTRS - Regular times table practise helps with many areas of the Upper Junior maths curriculum. We encourage children to complete 10 garage sessions per week.

If a child is unable to complete homework tasks at home, they will be invited to a lunch time catch up club.



Home learning links

SORA

SORA is a free app from Hampshire's school library service. When you download the app, children will have access to hundreds of quality e-books or audiobooks - perfect for long car journeys or bedtime listening.

Key dates

Please visit the [school calendar](#) regularly for updates.



Attendance

We monitor attendance carefully as there is a strong link between attendance and achievement. Days off add up to lost learning. We appreciate your support in allowing your child to access the education they deserve.

Getting in touch

Teachers are happy to help and are generally available at the end of the school day or by email. Please do not try to catch them in the mornings while they are settling the children. Urgent messages can be passed to the school office.

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Please allow up to 2 school days for email responses as teachers are child-facing during the day.