

### Ways you can support your child at home....

- Regular times tables practice
- Rapid recall of number bonds to 10/100/1000
- Practice cursive handwriting
- Learn weekly spelling
- Encourage your child to read daily (both aloud and silently)
- Complete homework independently where possible
- Practice Times Tables

### Key Dates—Term 1

- 18/9/17 Clubs start
- 21/9/17 Raising Resilient Children workshop  
Executive Headteacher tea/coffee afternoon
- 22/9/17 St Mary's Cross-Country on the Croft
- 25/9/17 School Photographer (individual photos)
- 28/9/17 Ground Force Day
- 8/10/17 Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church—9.30am
- 14/10/17 Open Afternoon for prospective parents
- 17/10/17 Marvellous Middle
- 19/10/17 Forest School—Lilac
- 18/10/17 Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church
- 20/10/17 Last day of Autumn Term 1
- 30/10/17 First day of Autumn Term 2

### Forest School

We are initiating a Forest School programme for all of the children at St Mary's School. The sessions are going to be delivered to each class on consecutive weeks, allowing them the full experience of different seasons, changes, growth in the environment etc. The classes will be having their sessions on Thursday afternoons. (see dates below) The sessions will be delivered by Mrs Sanders, with support from Miss Bews and volunteers each week at Sawpit Woods, Hodore Farm, Parrock

Lane, Hartfield, TN7 4AR.  
Thursday 19th October  
Thursday 23rd November  
Thursday 4th January  
Thursday 1st February  
Thursday 8th March  
Thursday 19th April  
Thursday 17th May  
Thursday 21st June

### Clubs

This term we have a full and varied club timetable. Clubs include gardening, recorder, sport's and team games, drama, dance and wildlife explorers.



# Welcome to Lilac Class



## Time Travellers

## Autumn Term 1 & 2

### English

This term our two focus books are *The Borrowers* by Mary Norton, and *Wonder* by R. J Palacio. We will create a short story; persuasive essays and speeches; poetry and create a class newsletter. Amongst all this we will focus on key writing skills such as descriptions, dialogue, formality of language and punctuation. We will also practice our editing skills to improve our writing by suggesting changes to spelling, vocabulary, grammar and punctuation.

### Art/DT/Music

In Art and DT we will explore culture movements and trends in British history. In Art we are looking at Pop Art, whilst in Music we will create a score for a silent Charlie Chaplin movie. We will also create emotion masks next short term.

### French

The French topics this term are French History and All About Me. We will extend our numbers and dates knowledge to talk about key events in French history and begin to use grammatical terms such as conjugation, auxiliary and infinitive verb. We will then learn to describe our appearance, and increase our conversational skills by talking about emotions and health.

### Science

Our topics this term are Electricity and Light. We will explore how electricity has changed over time and the impact it has made. We will also create different circuits and conduct different investigations. We will then look at how colour is made, refraction, and reflecting light and finish the term by

### RE and PSHE

During RE we will explore the ways in which different religions view God. In the second half of the term our focus will be Christmas and the nativity story. In PSHE, our focus is New Beginnings and how to deal with new situations.

### Maths

At the beginning of term, we will focus on numbers, the number system and place value. We will look at Roman Numerals and negative numbers. We will then continue to practice written skills for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will apply this knowledge to solve problems.

### Autumn 1 and 2.

#### Autumn 1

This term the whole school topic is Time Travellers!

We introduced the whole school topic with the Stunning Start—a step into Doctor Who's Tardis—which took place in school on the 11th September. Keep an eye out for information regarding our Marvellous Middle on the 17th October, where the children in Lilac will have a 'Through the Eras' disco.

#### Autumn 2

This term the whole school topic is Anti Bullying!

We will explore this whole school topic more in our classrooms, with the children in Lilac running an Anti-bullying campaign. They will create a website and write persuasive essays, amongst other things, and enforce their roles to the rest of the school as people that others can come to and look to. We will finish the Autumn Term with our Christmas celebrations including our whole school Fantastic Finish school Nativity in December.

**We look forward to your continued support and involvement over the coming term.**

### ICT

This term we will look at e-safety, rules for keeping safe on the internet and how to be a responsible internet user. We will also create a basic webpage for our Anti-bullying campaign.

### PE

Mr Dolton will teach PE on Fridays. Children's PE kits also need to be in school for their session on Mondays.

### Values

Our values this Autumn are Friendship and Generosity which will feed into collective worship. A weekly question will appear for homework and this will be discussed and recorded in the

### Topic

We will discover Britain since 1945 looking at a new decade each week and exploring trends and contrasts over time. We will look at the changes in politics, culture, food and life in general. We will then be using the Disney film *Inside Out* to explore how our brain and emotions work, in keeping with our Anti-bullying whole school topic.

### Forest School

We will also be taking part in Forest School on various Thursdays throughout the year. You can find these dates over-leaf.