



Welcome to Tolsey Class 2015/16



Tolsey Team:

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Tolsey Class Timetable (Terms 4, 5 and 6 Swimming on Thursday afternoons)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.50-9.00	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration
9.00 – 9.30	Phonics/Grammar	Phonics/Grammar	Phonics/Grammar	Phonics/Grammar	Assembly
9.30 – 10.30	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy	Literacy
10.30 –10.45	Handwriting	Times Tables	Assembly	Guided Reading	Guided Reading
10.45 –11.00	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
11.00 –12.05	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths
12.05 – 1.00	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break
1.00 – 1.30	Guided Reading	Guided Reading	Guided Reading	P.E/Swimming(Terms 4,5 and 6)	P.E
1.30 – 2.30	Topic	Music	Topic/Science		
2.30 – 3.00	Circle Time/P4C Followed by Assembly	Topic/Library Followed by Assembly	R.E.	French Followed by Assembly	ICT
3.00 – 3.10	Feedback from the day/Class Story	Feedback from the day/Class Story	Feedback from the day/Class Story	Feedback from the day/Class Story	Homework/Class Story

Behaviour

- Each child in Tolsey Class is expected to treat everyone as they wish to be treated themselves and follow the Burford Buzz Words. The Burford Buzz Words are displayed in our class.
- The class has created a set of rules which are simple and designed to ensure our classroom is safe and fun. These rules are displayed in the classroom.
- The children understand that they are responsible for their behaviour and that there are consequences if they do not follow the Buzz Words.
- We may wish to speak to parents of children if there has been a serious incident.
- Children who set a good example and make good choices will be rewarded with house points and stickers.
- Good behaviour from the whole class can result in marbles in the jar. When the jar is full the children can choose a reward.

Reading

- It is important that the children continue to read every day at home.
- Your child will have a variety of opportunities to read to a member of staff or parent volunteer each week either 1:1 or in a small group.
- Please feel free to add your own comments to the yellow reading diary.
- Tolsey children could record their own comments about what they have read in the yellow reading diary.
- We will decide which colour band your child should be reading within and will progress them to the next level following assessment.
- Please keep mindful that children still progress at very different rates so please do not worry if your child is not reading as fluently as others. We will always contact you if there is a problem we feel we should discuss
- Children will visit the library fortnightly and choose a book to read.

Homework

- Children are expected to read to/with an adult each night/morning. This should be an enjoyable experience with a focus on little and often.
- Daily spelling or times table practice should occur, again this should be enjoyable so just a few minutes each day.
- Further homework activities will be set each Friday which should be handed in on the following Wednesday.
- Children will have a homework book and a spelling booklet. They should learn all the spellings each week and will be tested on ten from the list.
- Whole school homework will be set termly, this will normally be topic based and work to a longer time frame

Starting the day the right way!

- The school gates will open at **8.40** in time for the children to line up in their year groups.
- Please say your goodbyes before you reach the line and encourage your child to join their friends independently.
- Please encourage your child to take responsibility for their own belongings.
- Early morning jobs are very important to the children's routine and often link to the day's learning. Please ensure your child is at school on time so they do not miss this important part of their day.
- The bell will ring at **8.45** when classes will enter their classrooms for morning tasks.
- If it is raining the children can enter the classroom independently.
- As always, a good breakfast is vital to get those brains in gear!

Messages and Communication

- Please do let me know anything important at the line in the morning.
- If you need an appointment for a longer chat then let me know.
- Feel free to send notes and do let us know by phone if your child is off sick.
- I will send a class letter and curriculum map with each topic, send messages home, write reminders on the board and communicate through the school newsletter.

- Good communication is very important to us so please keep in touch.

Media in Literacy lessons

Wherever possible I will link literacy to the topic. To inspire the children I often use film and TV clips, photographs, paintings, animation, news/ internet clips as a stimulus to our speaking and listening activities and writing tasks. The majority of the time they are clips that have been specifically made for children. However, there could be times when I will choose a clip from a film that is not a U certificate. I am assuming that parents will be happy with this as long as I always scrutinize the specific clips before showing them to ensure that they are suitable for the age of the children. Please let me know if this is not the case.

Assessment

- In KS2 we assess the children in order to track their levels three times a year. Ongoing assessment always informs the planning to ensure children are appropriately challenged.
- Your child's National Curriculum levels will be shared with you at Parents' Evenings (autumn and spring terms) and in your child's final report (summer term).
- We will have weekly spelling and mental maths tests.

Clothing

- Please ensure your child has a warm, **named** shower proof coat on their peg at all times
- PE kits should be in school at all times as occasionally we may have changes to the timetable
- PE kit is strictly a white t-shirt, blue/black shorts and trainers (you may put in a blue/black hoodie and jogging bottoms for the colder months) Football shirts are not suitable
- Please ensure everything is clearly named.

Snack/Lunch

- You can buy juice and fruit from Mrs. Ralphs which your child will collect at break time
- Children need to let us know if they are having hot dinners, school packed lunch or home packed lunch each day during registration

Paddock School

We will have a termly Paddock School session, notification of dates will be given in due course. Please ensure that your child has the following kit when required to ensure they have a fulfilling experience on the Paddock:

- **Waterproof coat and trousers**
- **Thick socks and wellingtons**
- **A thick jumper or fleece to wear underneath their coat**
- **Leggings or warm jogging bottoms to wear under waterproofs**
- **A scarf and hat**
- **Gloves**
- **Please name everything - thank you!**

It is vital that children have a warm change of clothes to wear under their waterproofs as they do manage to get mud and water everywhere! We stay outside come rain, shine, frost, wind and snow so please help us to ensure everyone is warm, dry and happy!

If you have any concerns or questions do come in and have a chat. I think it is going to be an exciting year and I look forward to working with your children

Nikki Latton