

## Organisation

Start time: 8.50am

End time: 3.15pm

All children can enter the classroom as they arrive through the main gate. Children will have an early morning activity ready for them as they prepare for the school day. All children will leave school at 3.15pm. Please ensure the office is informed of any absence by 9am whenever possible.

## PE Days

PE days will be on Thursday and Friday and they should come in **wearing** their PE kit. They can either wear their Hexton colour or a plain white t-shirt and a blue or black tracksuit for outdoor games.



## Reading

It is important that you share a story or listen to your child read every day for at least 5 – 10 minutes. Reading books will be changed in school every Thursday. Your child should re-read their books, as this will develop fluency and word recognition. It is important that you ask your child questions as they read, to check their understanding and address any misconceptions.

## Welcome Back

It has been wonderful to welcome all the children back to school, and we have had a great start to the academic year.

I am very happy to be part of the Hexton JMI team, and I am looking forward to working with you all.

To support Acorn Class, Mrs Daniels will be with us Monday-Friday, and Mrs Hurley will be in Monday – Wednesday.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at the end of the school day or via the school office.



*Miss Murray  
Acorn class teacher*

## Homework

Homework will be set every Friday, and should be returned to school by the following Tuesday. Children are encouraged to complete as much as they can in a reasonable amount of time for your child.

Homework will focus on the learning completed in school that week, to consolidate what has been taught in English, Maths and the foundation subjects. Children in KS1 will be set weekly spellings to support vocabulary building.

For our youngest children reading will be the priority for homework as it is a foundation for the whole curriculum and secures future learning.

## 175 Years of Hexton JMI School

This term we are excited to celebrate our founder Caroline De Lautour and her work in creating Hexton JMI School. This term, we will be finding out about her life and the impact of Victorian Schools on the lives of children in Hexton.

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October, the school will be hosting an open afternoon which all families will be invited too. It will be a chance to share your child's learning and celebrate the significant legacy of the school.

## English

Our class book for this term is the superb text 'Lift'. The children will use this as the inspiration for their writing in a shared project with oak.

We will be learning about labelling, lists and captions and their uses in non-fiction writing. We will also be exploring poetry features, including rhyming couplets and related vocabulary.



## Maths

**Reception:** Children will learn to recognise numerals to 10. They will sort and group objects, and begin to add and subtract within 10. The concept of time will also be introduced. **KS1:** Children will secure their understanding of place value, counting forward and backwards to 100, and comparing objects and numbers using <, > and = symbols. Multiplication and counting in groups will be introduced after half term.

## Science

We will be investigating animals and how they are suited to their habitats. We will look at how habitats provide the basic needs for animals and plants, and how they depend on each other. We will also be identifying and naming plants and animals in our local area.



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## Innovation

We will be using 'Purple mash' to log on and save work in our own IT space. We will also be looking at how to stay safe online.

In Design and Technology we will be planning and making a hearty meal and tasting new foods.



## Humanities

As historians, we will explore the history of Hexton and the changes that occurred as a result of the influence of Caroline de Lautour. As geographers, we will develop our map skills, investigating Hexton and comparing human and physical geographical features.

In RE, we will learn about different harvest traditions, the Nativity and compare different festivals of light.

## Wellbeing

In PSHE we will be learning how to work well together and make friends with the new children in Reception! We will be exploring rules and responsibilities, and how to manage our feelings

In PE, we will be practising our locomotion skills, such as walking, running, hopping, jumping and developing our coordination.

## The Arts

In Art, we will be learning about the impressionism movement, looking at a range of art by Monet as inspiration.

In Music, the children will participate in a weekly session run by Hertfordshire Music Service. In class, we shall learn songs and poems related to our topic.

