

## 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

The children are encouraged to read on a daily basis at home. They will also be heard within school during their guided reading session.

Children will access accelerated reader which assesses pupils comprehension skills as they move through the scheme.

## Welcome Back

It has been wonderful to welcome all the children back to school. We hope you had an enjoyable summer break. We are looking forward to being part of your child's learning this year. Miss Webster, who is the new teaching assistant, in Oak Class can't wait to be part of your child's journey and is familiar with the Hexton community.



*Mrs Okotruo  
Oak Class Teacher*

## Homework

Homework will be sent home every Friday and should be returned to school on Tuesday. The children will be set weekly spellings and times tables which will be tested on a Wednesday.

Homework will focus on the learning completed during that week which will include any learning in English, Maths and foundation subjects. Homework helps to establish good routines as pupil move through school. Homework can be adjusted to the needs of the child where appropriate.

## 175 Years Of Hexton JMI

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 legacy of the school.

## English

Children will write descriptive sentences about characters based on the whole class book called LIFT. They will expand on these ideas to write an informal postcard/letter and use shared writing to create a class Haiku.

They will also be taught how to use persuasive language in their non-fiction writing.



## Maths

Children will be taught place value which will include counting in multiples of 10, 100, 1000, Roman numerals, identifying, representing and estimating and rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. The children will be taught to read, write, order and compare numbers.

Children will be taught to add, subtract, multiply and divide (mentally and written) to solve problems.

## Science

Health and Movement/Eating and Digestion(Y3/4)  
Children will learn about animals, including humans that need specific nutrition to help them move and grow, and how humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles.

Human circulatory system and healthy bodies(Y5/6)  
The children will learn that the circulatory system is made up of three parts: the heart, blood vessels and the blood and how the heart pumps the blood around the circulatory system.



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## Innovation

In Computing, children will learn all about online safety, effective searching and writing for different audiences.

In DT, children will be engaged in cooking and nutrition by learning all about what could be healthier and foods that are seasonal.

## Humanities

In History, we will focus on a local study of Hexton Village, the school founder, Caroline de Lautour and the 175 year celebration of the school.

In RE, we will be focusing on Buddhist Festivals and Christmas around the world.

## Wellbeing

In PSHE, we will be looking at Health and Wellbeing and how Positive Thinking can influence our choices.

In PE, we will be developing skills in games, dance and gymnastics with extra sessions linked to class learning with Stevenage Borough FC.

## The Arts

In Music, the children will continue with steel pans which will be delivered by Hertfordshire Music Service.

In French, the children will be learning about playground games and transport.

In Art, children will be taught how to draw rainforest animals and animal masks.