

# Spring Term 2024

## Important Dates

Tues 9th Jan	Safeguarding Training for new volunteers (2.45pm)
Tues 6th Feb	Safer Internet Day
12th- 16th	Festival of Literature
Wb 12th	House Netball tournament
Half Term	19th - 23rd Feb
5th & 6th Mar	Parent Consultations
Thurs 7th March	World Book Day (dressing as an adjective)
Wed 13th March 9am	Maths games and work sharing
Wk beg 25th Mar	House Cross Country Final
Wk beg 25th Mar	Science week and House Science Quiz
Thurs 28th March	Term Ends 2pm

Happy New Year! We hope that you had an enjoyable Christmas holiday. We wanted to take the opportunity to thank for your generous and thoughtful Christmas gifts.



If you need to contact us, please use our class emails which we will respond to within 2 working days:

**class3@northgate.herts.sch.uk**  
**class4@northgate.herts.sch.uk**

Alternatively, if you need to pass on information for the same day please contact the office.

At break-time, children are offered a portion of fruit. If you wish to send in a different snack, it **must be something healthy like a piece of fruit or a plain biscuit** - sweets, chocolate items, crisps or nuts are not allowed. Children are encouraged to bring in their own water bottle with plain water.

## Our Topic

Our new topic is Street Detectives and this will run across the whole term.

The topic has a geographical and historical focus. Children will be finding out about their local area and what it was like to go to the old Northgate school. They will be using their geographical skills to read and follow maps. They will be learning about human and physical features of the land and planning their own town layout.

In science, we will be learning about materials, including investigating the best material for Elastigirl's costume! After half term, we will learn about living things and their habitats. We will be observing and researching a variety of habitats, including pond dipping in our school pond.

In PSHE, the children will explore setting realistic goals and how they can achieve them. They discuss perseverance when they find things difficult as well as recognising their strengths as a learner. The children reflect on with whom they work well and with whom they don't. In Spring 2, the children learn about healthy food and making healthy choices. The children consider what makes them feel relaxed and stressed. They learn about medicines, how they work and how to use them safely.

## PE

PE lessons are on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Children may wear school PE kit on PE days (white top and green shorts/green tracksuit).



## Home Learning

A book banded reading book will be sent home daily and changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Spellings, based on our phonics/spelling work are set on a weekly basis. Spellings will be tested and new ones sent home on Fridays.

Spelling scores are recorded in the home learning book each week by the pupils.

Maths Key Instant Recall Fact (KIRFS) for the half term should be practised as much as possible so it becomes fluent. See weekly home learning for details.

Maths, English or topic tasks are sent home on a Friday and need to be completed and returned by the following Wednesday. Home learning tasks must be completed in home learning books, unless requested otherwise by class teacher. Homework tasks must be completed in pencil. These tasks should take approximately 20 minutes.

## Trips / Events/ Workshops

Walk to Old Northgate School  
Tuesday 30th January.  
Year 2 would love to have more visitors in to bring learning to life for the children. Next term we would be particularly interested to hear from anyone who went to Northgate School 50+ years ago, to talk to us about their experience of school life. If you know anyone (grandparents, friends, neighbours etc) who would be interested, please email us.

## Drop Off / Pick Up

Please drop your child off at the main gates between 8:45 and 8:55am. Collection is at 3:15pm outside the classrooms.

## Reading and English

In class, we will be reading a range of texts, including The Storm Whale, Beegu and Wild.

All children have a reading record book which they are expected to take home and bring into school daily. Teachers will check record books in your child's weekly guided reading session.

Please listen to your child read and discuss the text at least **three times per week** in order to help them increase their vocabulary and deepen their understanding of the text.

If your child has lost or misplaced their reading record, please let us know as soon as possible.



## Maths

This term, please help your child to:

Quickly recall number bonds to 10 and 20.

Compare and order numbers from 0 up to 100 using the <, > and = signs.

Combine amounts to make a particular value and find different combinations of coins that equal the same amounts of money.

Tell the time on an analogue clock to the nearest 5 minutes.

