

RED CLASS NEWS

AUTUMN 2026

Dear parents and carers,

A very warm welcome back to Copplestone! We hope you enjoyed a fun and relaxing summer break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the new school year.

Year 5 is an important year where pupils will take on more roles and responsibilities as they prepare for Upper Key Stage 2. This includes opportunities such as becoming a team captain or a play leader. Additionally, the children begin wearing a more formal uniform consisting of a shirt and tie, which will help them get ready for the secondary school dress code.

We are fortunate to have the invaluable support of Ms. Uter in class from Monday to Wednesday and Ms. Guy on Thursday and Friday.

Learning

Our main geography focus this term is rivers. We will take a field trip to Okement River in Okehampton to carry out some investigation skills on a local river. In history, we will study the Saxons and Viking period within England and how the country changed during this period. For science, we will be studying space which will also become a theme for some of our English texts.

Please take a look at the class topic web on the school website to find out more.

Keeping Active & Healthy

PE with myself will happen on Monday afternoons during the first half of autumn term and PE with the Achieve4All coaches will take place on Tuesday afternoons whatever the weather so please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing.

Please ensure children wear the correct PE kit and it is clearly labelled.

We also expect bike ability to take place during this term where children will need their own bikes and helmets to take part. Further information to follow.

Your child is welcome to bring in a healthy morning snack if they would like. Please make sure the snack is sugar free, ideally fruit or vegetables. Also, please ensure your child has a water bottle in school every day.

Home Learning

Reading

The expectation is for every child to read at home for at least 10 minutes as many times as possible with a minimum total of one hour per week, recording their reading in their record book. Within school the children will take part in whole class guided reading of texts/extracts with some children reading 1:1 with an adult regularly.

Times Tables

Learning times tables helps in so many areas of maths so please practise at home until fluent. Each child will already have access to Maths Shed through the Spelling Shed login where they can practise times tables. We will also be learning strategies within school.

Spelling

Spellings need to be part of the weekly routine for home learning. Each child will continue to have a login to Spelling Shed to practise spellings and revise patterns and rules. These rules will be taught in the lesson on Friday and recapped and practised throughout the week.

A maths and spelling based homework will be set on a Friday that will consolidate/practise learning from the week in addition to their weekly reading.

Keeping in touch

Class Dojo is great tool for staying in touch.

Please regularly check Class Dojo to be able to receive important information about what is happening in class.

Updates of the children's learning or messages about forthcoming events will be posted regularly.

We hope the children are looking forward to a fun year ahead. Thank you for your support.

Miss Anna