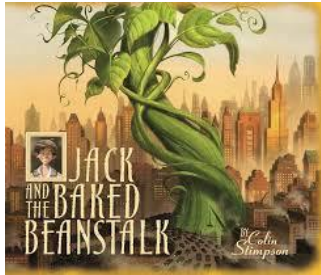


Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome to Tornado Class! It has been wonderful to see the children back in school after the summer holidays. Tornado Class teacher is Mrs Marklew on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Oliver on a Thursday and Friday. Mrs Rushworth is the main teaching assistant. Each child has been given a school pencil case with all the equipment they need in class, so please do not send in any extras.



Learning:

It has been a busy start to the school year and for this first 3 weeks we are working on a whole school project based on different versions of the 'Jack and the Beanstalk' fairytale. We will be completing some work on what makes a good newspaper report and using these features to write reports on events from the story of 'Jack and the Baked Beanstalk'. We will also be creating lots of wonderful artwork which we hope to display inside our new classroom.

For the rest of the term, we will be studying 'The Ancient Egyptians' where we will be looking at where and when was Ancient Egypt, studying the landscape and life and exploring the After Life. We will also be learning about the pharaohs and investigating the great pyramids. In science we will be investigating how living things are classified and exploring reasons for classifying plants and animals. We are looking forward to celebrating all things Egyptian on 'Egyptian Day' which has been planned for Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September and children are invited to come in Egyptian style fancy dress.

PE:

PE is on a Wednesday afternoon with TLE and on a Thursday with Mrs Oliver. Tornado class will have swimming this term on a Tuesday, starting on 17.09.24. Please remember, children should leave their PE kit in school ready for PE days.



Reading:



Reading books will be sent home in line with the children's AR levels. Even though your children are older now, hearing them read aloud at home really enhances their reading progress. Just a few minutes each night can really make a difference. The children's understanding of books they read is also extremely important and it would help if some of the reading time with your child is spent discussing the story. The expectation is that children will have read at least 3 times a week to an adult at home and that this is recorded in their reading record. Reading records will be checked by Mrs Rushworth and the children can change their books when necessary.

Homework & Spellings:

Homework will be set by Mrs Oliver on Fridays and will be due in the following Friday (it can of course be handed in early for extra team points!). Spellings will also be handed out on Fridays with the words to be tested on the following Friday. The children will also be expected to continue to practice their relevant times tables on TTrackstars this year.

Finally, please let us know if you have any questions or concerns about your child and their learning.  
Best wishes, The Tornado Team