



Silver Class

Meet the teacher - September 2023



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- Silver Classroom
- 32 children: 13 boys, 19 girls
- Teaching assistants: Mrs Miles, Mrs Wing
- Teacher: Mrs Gladwell



Beginning and end of the day

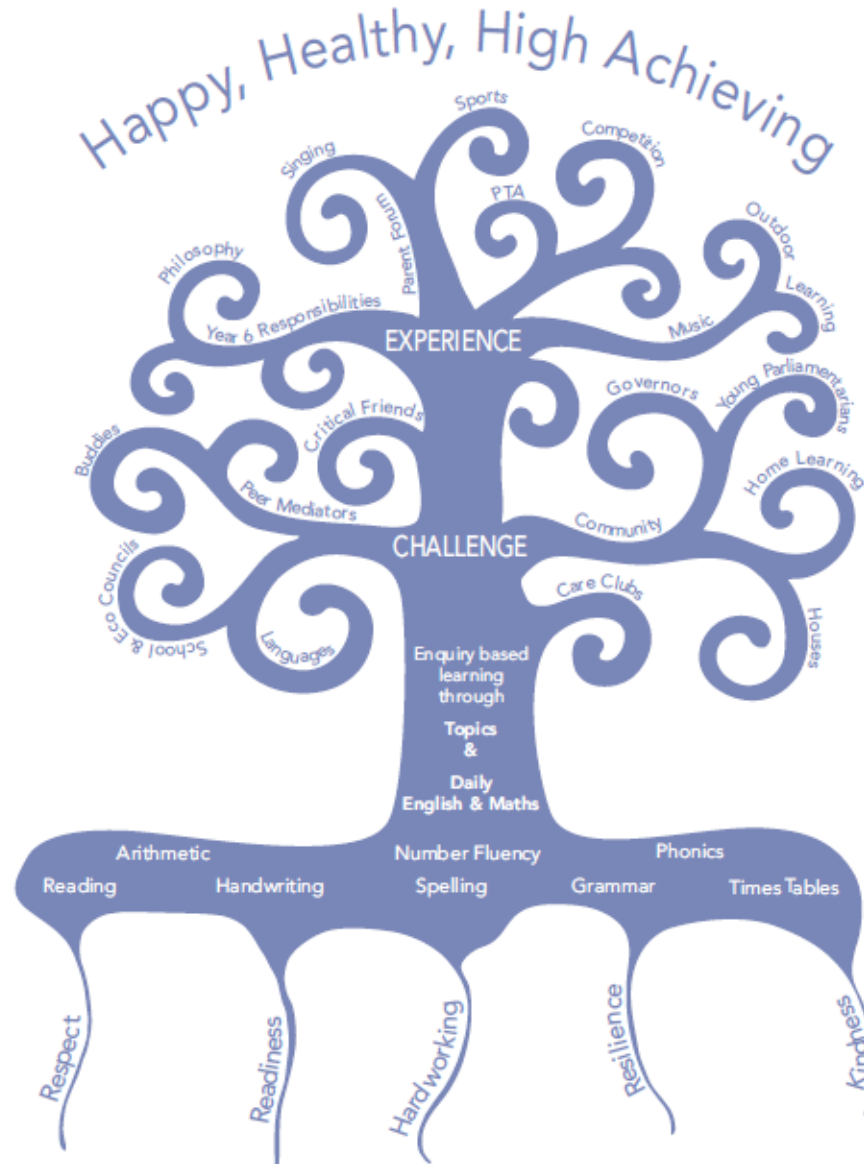
- Drop off between 8:40 and 8:50am
- Collection is 3:20pm
- Please drop children by the climbing frame – please don't walk round behind the building
- Please use the carpark – not layby/road at the front of school
- Please do not allow children of any age to play on playground equipment or go onto the field



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Caldecote Curriculum





11 by 11 Character Education

Every Caldecote Child will:

- Celebrate the diverse culture represented within their class
- Have a chance to 'dress up' for a special occasion at least once every year
- Prepare some food and then eat it as part of a celebration
- Meet someone from their community
- Perform in front of their class at least once every year
- Tell their class about their favourite character from a book
- Take part in a performance in the hall
- Compete in a whole school sporting competition every year

In addition to the above, every year your child will have different experiences to help build their character

'11 by 11' in Year 6

- Write and then read aloud a mystery story at twilight
- Send an email to an official body
- Vote in a school election
- Interview someone
- Find out about a local charity and how they can support them
- Design a product or business idea and pitch it to get it chosen for the £5 challenge
- Make a Mexican dessert and organise a tea party for their parents
- See the sun set
- Plan and go on a visit to a place in Cambridge using public transport
- Apply and commit to a job in school
- Keep a diary for a week

These opportunities help pupils explore and express their character and build the life skills needed for resilience, empathy and employability.



English

Linked to topic

- Daily English:
Consists of teacher input, shared texts, practical activities, guided groups, group work, independent work, teacher or TA assisted work.
- 15 minute sessions everyday:
Handwriting, guided reading, spelling, punctuation and grammar
- Mixed and ability groupings
- Catch up sessions



Caldecote Book Spine

Over the past two academic years, we have created our bespoke Caldecote Book Spine. Last year we added poetry and non-fiction. This year, our focus will be, accentuating the diverse themes and rich vocabulary in many of our chosen texts. Each year, we listen to feedback from pupils & staff so that it remains full of exciting books.

We have chosen a mixture of texts. Some of the titles we will share in class as part of an English unit or as a class novel. Other titles will be for the children to share at home or read independently. While most certainly not an expectation, your child might want to have their own, personal copy of the class book. Our class book this term is...

When launch it to the school, later in the term, each child will have their own Reading Passport, which will keep a record of all the books the children have read or had read to them.

All classes have at least one copy of the spine book. If this is borrowed it is vital that it is returned after it has been read so that it can be shared by other children.



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Silver Class - Year 6 Reading Spine Class Novels

Autumn 1 – Blood and Heart

Wild Boy – Lloyd Jones



Autumn 2 – Mexico

Holes - Louis Sachar



Spring 1 – Globalisation

No Ballet Shoes in Syria –

Catherine Bruton

The Arrival – Shaun Tan



Spring 2 – Gallows and Handcuffs

Another Twist in the Tale – Catherine Bruton



Summer 1 – Darwin

Journey To The River Sea – Eva Ibbotson



Summer 2 – Shang Dynasty

Can You See Me? - Libby Scott & Rebecca Westcott





Maths

- Every day

Consists of teacher input, practical activities, group work, independent work, teacher or TA assisted work.

- Mental Arithmetic and Times tables

15 minute sessions every day

- Mixed and ability groupings.

- Catch up sessions

- See the website to find out more about how we teach maths and how you can support at home



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SILVER CLASS 2023-24																		
	8:40 - 8:55	8:55- 9:20	9:20 - 9:30	9.30 –10:30		10:30 - 10:45	10:45 - 11:00	11 – 11:15	11:15 - 11:30	11.30 – 12.15	12.15 – 1.15	1.15 – 2:45				2:45 – 3:20		
MONDAY	Registration Handwriting	Guided reading	GPS	Spellings	English			Times Tables	Arithmetic	Daily Mile	Maths		Registration	Spanish	Geography	Class Book	Whole School Assembly	
TUESDAY	Registration Handwriting	Guided reading	Daily Mile	GPS	Spellings	English		Times Tables	Arithmetic	Daily Mile	Maths		Registration	Art or D&T OR Computing		Buddies 2:00 – 2:30	Music OR R.E.	Class Book
WEDNESDAY	Registration Handwriting	Guided reading	GPS	Spellings	English			Times Tables	Arithmetic	Daily Mile	Maths		Registration	Science		Class Book	KS2 Assembly	
THURSDAY	Registration Handwriting	Guided reading	GPS	Spellings	English			Times Tables	Arithmetic	Daily Mile	Maths		Registration Class Book	P.E. & PSHCE				Class Book
FRIDAY	Registration Handwriting	Guided reading	GPS	Spellings	English			Times Tables	Arithmetic	Daily Mile	Maths		Registration	P.E.			Celebration Assembly	



Topics

Half termly overviews will be on the class page on the school website and on Seesaw.

Autumn 1: Blood & Heart

Mystery stories twilight **Tuesday 10th October**

Autumn 2: Mexico

A trip to Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology on 7th November. Travelling by public transport and so they will be arriving back at school later (around 3:45). Parent helpers needed. We will keep you updated via Twitter.

Spring 1: Globalisation

CAMS toy creation

Spring 2: Gallows and Handcuffs

Trip to Kettle's Yard on Monday 11th March (parent helpers needed). Travelling by public transport. Pupils need to arrive in school **PROMPTLY** at 8:15 ready to leave school at 8:40am.

Summer 1: Charles Darwin

A trip to the Botanic Garden (parent helpers needed). Date TBC.

Summer 2: Shang Dynasty

Dress up day



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Silver Class Autumn 1: Blood & Heart

English

Non-fiction

Explanation text

Discussion writing

Fiction

Detective/crime

Reading

Fiction text: Graveyard Boy

Non-fiction text: A range of Science text books

Maths

Place Value

Reading, write, order and compare numbers up to 10,000,000

Rounding whole numbers and decimals

Four Operations

Formally written methods for long multiplication and division

Perform mental calculations including mixed operations

Identify common factors, common multiples and prime numbers

Solve addition and subtraction multi-step problems

Science

Animals including humans

- Identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood.
- Recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function.
- Describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans.

Geography

- Carry out fieldwork
- Consider factors that create an ecosystem
- Collect and analyse data from fieldwork study

Computing

- Online safety
- Computing systems and networks
- Online communication and collaboration

PSHE

How can we keep healthy as we grow?

- Looking after both our physical and mental health
- Recognising early signs of physical or mental ill-health
- How to maintain good dental health
- Managing the influence of friends and family on health choices
- Taking more responsibility

Event/Visit/Experience

Dissection of pigs' hearts

Stories by Twilight

Complete first aid training

RE

What does it mean to be a Buddhist?

- Siddhartha Gautama
- Enlightenment
- Four noble truths
- Eightfold Path

PE

Gymnastics: Body symmetry

Physical changes: Circuits

'11 by 11' Character Education

Vote in school election

Apply and commit to a job within school

Music

- Dynamics, pitch and texture
- Discussion orchestral pieces
- Take the role of a conductor
- Create a graphic score

DT

Nutritional information of a product

Investigate and analyse a range of commercial products

Art

Damien Hirst, Tracey Emin, Chris Ofili, Do Ho Suh, Yayoi Kusama

- Painting – texture and use of colour



Home learning

Spellings

Letter patterns being taught this half term will be uploaded to Seesaw. Please practise reading and writing these in words and sentences.

Mathletics

Weekly

Home learning 'menu'

Linked to our half termly topic

Please upload home learning to Seesaw or bring it in to share



Homelearning: Reading

- Please share the school book with your children. It is fine for them to read independently too.
- Accelerated Reader (AR) system is used.
- Books levels are no longer colour bands. AR uses a number system.
- Quizzes taken in school. 3 quizzes taken with 100% accuracy enables a child to move up a level.
- Books are matched to child's ability. Books that are above a child's ability will not improve reading skills but will affect child's confidence.
- Word millionaires and other AR certificates
- Parents please support by providing and sharing additional books at home. Books shared with an adult may be above child's ability.
- Please send books into school every day.
- Books will be changed when finished.



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The **NEWS** Shed



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CHINA NEWS 1



Edinburgh Zoo's famous giant pandas are to return home to China later this year.

Tian Tian (pictured left) and Yang Guang have been on loan in the Scottish capital for 12 years after a 10-year agreement was extended for two years because of the Covid pandemic.

Millions of visitors have seen the cute pair and David Field, chief executive of the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland, which runs the zoo, said: "With more than a million species at risk of extinction and our natural world in crisis, Yang Guang and Tian Tian have had an incredible impact by inspiring millions of people to care about nature."

CHINA NEWS 2

WELCOME

Whether you are rejoining us after the summer holidays or reading for the first time in a new class, welcome to The News Shed.

We are a weekly newspaper for primary schoolchildren which can be read online or printed out.

We want to encourage children to read and also develop an interest in what is happening in the world around us.

The News Shed is published every Friday during term time with regular features including news and sport from home and abroad and a look back at what happened in this week in history.

We'll also cover science and technology news and encourage an interest in nature and the environment.

We hope you enjoy reading with us each week.



At Caldecote Primary School we are committed to creating mentally nurturing classrooms

In Silver Class we do this by:

- Emotional literacy
- Emotion tracker
- Mindfulness activities
- Brain breaks
- Circle time
- Reflection/worry box





Therapeutic approach to behaviour

Staff will promote positive and helpful behaviour

We will always try to understand what a child's behaviour might be communicating

We have a consistent approach to managing situations and responding to incidents, using the same language and techniques. We will use consistent scripts and routines and positive phrasing

We will focus on preventative strategies and de-escalating incidents, rather than reacting to them

We will be using a restorative approach - teachers and children will work together to rebuild relationships and repair any harm done and we aim to teach children to make the right choices and motivate them to behave positively – we want them to develop internal discipline

Caldecote Consequences: Clear and consistent consequences are set out for all levels of behaviour and are shared with children.

Behaviours will have logical consequences, rather than just punishments

“This has happened, so obviously, this is the consequence”.

There will always be some learning and a restorative conversation or task when there is a consequence.

New behaviour policy on website.



Trips, Visits and Events

Every half term we ensure children experience a visit, trip or special event to enhance their learning.

Silver Class are planning the following this year:

- Dissecting pig's hearts (70p donation please)
- Mystery story twilight event – Tuesday 10th October (information to follow)
- Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology – Tuesday 7th November (donation)
- Trip to Kettle's Yard on Monday 11th March
- Invite parents in for a Mexican dessert -TBC
- Shang Dynasty Day - TBC
- Botanic Garden – TBC
- Production (**when dates are released please check with your chosen secondary school if dates clash**)
- SATS w/c 13th May
- Residential Monday Monday 17th – Wednesday 19th June at the Frontier Centre.
- Comberton transition days Thursday 11th and Friday 12th July

Keep an eye on the website, newsletter and ParentMail for new events and updates



SATs

Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May

- More information to follow. We will have a meeting dedicated to this in Spring.
- Pupils will take these either in the classroom or in a small group such as the group room or Whittaker.
- Access arrangements:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-2-tests-access-arrangements>
- We are required to submit evidence and we are monitored during SATs to ensure we are adhering to the guidance.



P.E.

- PE is on **Thursday** and **Friday**
- Children to come dressed in their kit
- Plain navy shorts and red t-shirts if warm
- Plain navy jogging bottoms and sweatshirt if cold
- Trainers – plain
- Long hair tied back, earrings to be removed
- Email required if child is not able to do PE



Awards

- House points: Potter, Hagrid, McGonnagal, Weasley
- Children collect house points for their house team and individually.
- All children will have a card to collect their house points.
- They can save or spend their house points as follows:

House Point Shop

House Points	Reward
10	Climbing frame queue jump
20	Use a pen in your lessons for a day
30	Sit on a chair in assembly for a week
50	Early lunch pass for you and a friend
60	Your choice of equipment on 'equipment free Friday'
100	Play a board or card game with a friend and member of staff of your choice
150	Non uniform day for you
200	Teach a lesson to your class
500	An extra break time for you and a friend
1000	£10 amazon voucher



Awards

- School values Award for demonstrating the school values of:
Kindness, respect, hardworking, resilience and readiness
- Whole class reward: pebble jar
- Sports award
- JTA award
- Playtime ambassador award
- Walking award

You are invited to celebrate these awards in Friday Celebration Assemblies – see newsletter for dates when your class parents can attend



Communication

- We will let you know if we have any worries or have any questions.
- A member of staff is on the playground every morning and can pass on messages to your child's teacher. These messages can be urgent or non urgent. This facility is for any message.
- Messages can also be passed to breakfast club who can pass it to your child's teacher.
- Emails and phone – these are also for urgent and non urgent issues. Emails are forwarded to the appropriate person
- If you require a meeting or phone call with a teacher, please email the office to arrange
- Always check Parentmail – this is where we communicate everything.
- Twitter, the website and newsletters
- Parent forum



How can you help?

- Everything should be named
- Please ensure your child has a water bottle for use throughout the day in the classroom
- Breakfast / snacks
- Outdoor learning – Coats & rain coats in school.
- Support us to build children's resilience, independence and stamina
- Support with home learning
- Keep an eye on channels of communication, especially Parentmail and newsletters
- Please do communicate any concerns or worries so we can act on them