



KEEPING IN TOUCH

Message from Mr M



Power of Reading

This week, we have launched our whole school focus on reading. We know that reading unlocks the door to the world around us and provides so many opportunities. Research is clear that pupils who read more have a better chance of **improved employment** outcomes, **increased earning** potential, and better overall **economic success**. We are focussed on this and will be challenging each and every child across to school to push themselves even more!

Phonics in EYFS and Key Stage 1 sets the tone for children and I was delighted to see so many parents attending the FS2 Phonics Parent Session earlier this week. Thank you for joining us and learning about the valuable role you play in supporting your child.

In Key Stage 2, we have spent **£3000** on new reading materials and a focussed scheme that pupils will be bringing home daily and are encouraged to read to you as parents.



We have also introduced a daily **Focussed Reading** session that all pupils will partake in allowing them to develop fluency, accuracy, comprehensions and inference skills.

Mr Hollocks is leading this initiative across the school and will be rolling out a number of activities and rewards across the year. Please help your child reach their full potential by playing your part!



Parent Consultations

The Autumn Term Parent Consultations are scheduled for;
 Tuesday 14th October
 Wednesday 15th October
 Thursday 16th October

SAVE THE DATE

More details will be shared later in the term.

Judo Guy



We are delighted to welcome Glynn the 'Judo Guy' back to Le Cateau. He is visiting next week and will be working with pupils from Year 1 to Year 6.

Pupils need their PE Kit with them and will join Glynn for a 30min session.

Tuesday 16th Sept - Year 5 & Year 6
 Thursday 18th Sept - Year 3 & Year 4
 Friday 19th Sept - Year 1 & Year 2



Extra Curricular Clubs - Autumn 2025

We have a range of extra curricular clubs starting Week Beginning 22nd September. Clubs run for 8 weeks during the Autumn Term. For more information and to express your child's interest in a club, please visit here; [Club Form](#)

Equally Important

Equally Different

HOMework EXPECTATIONS

The table below provides examples of the likely homework for each year group. This list is not exhaustive and your child's teacher will adapt the homework according to the needs of the pupils.



Year Group	Daily	Weekly	Half Termly
Foundation Stage 2	Phonics and Reading	Phonics Practise	Curriculum Enrichment Activity
Year 1	Phonics or Reading	High Frequency Words Maths Activity (summer)	Common exception words Curriculum Enrichment
Year 2	Phonics or Reading	Spellings Weekly maths activity	Curriculum Enrichment Activity
Year 3	Reading	Spellings Times Tables Activity	Curriculum Enrichment Activity
Year 4	Reading	Spellings Times Tables Activity	Curriculum Enrichment Activity
Year 5	Reading	Spellings Maths/English Activity	Curriculum Enrichment Activity
Year 6	Reading	Spellings Maths/English Activity	Curriculum Enrichment Activity

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF HOMEWORK?

Schools provide homework for a variety of reasons. At Le Cateau, we believe that regular opportunities to undertake homework can benefit our pupils for the following reasons:

- It demonstrates that learning can be fun
- It consolidates the skills we have taught
- It allows pupils to explore areas of interest within a topic, encouraging independent study
- It gives parents an insight into the learning that is taking place in class
- It encourages partnerships between parents and teachers
- It prepares pupils for secondary school – both in terms of workload and organisation

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SCHOOL UNIFORM

At Le Cateau, we are proud of our children and want them to CARE and take pride in themselves. A smart school uniform is a really important way to do this.



JUMPERS

School jumper or cardigan to be worn. Either school branded or plain red. Red hoodies are **ONLY** for PE.



TROUSERS/SHORTS

Black or grey school trousers or shorts. **All black** jogging bottoms option for FS1 & 2. No jeans or tracksuit bottoms for Y1-6.



PE & SPORT

Red PE t-shirt - either school branded or plain. Black shorts for indoor - school branded or plain. Black leggings or joggers for outdoor. Red Sports Hoodie for PE Only. (OPTIONAL) Fleece/tracksuit top for outdoor in colder weather. Trainers for outdoor.

The following should NOT be worn at school.

- Necklaces and Jewellery (except stud earrings and watches)
- Make Up, false nails or nail varnish
- Football shirts

Reasonable Adjustments

Reasonable adjustments to uniform may be applied based on supporting medical evidence. These are to be discussed and agreed with the Headteacher.

Branded Uniform

<https://school-shop.co.uk/>



SHIRTS

White plain polo shirt or school branded logo shirt.



FOOTWEAR

Black school shoes or trainers that are **completely** black. Sturdy to offer protection. Boots can be worn during winter months. No open-toed sandals or heels.



DRESSES

Black or grey pinafore or red summer 'gingham' dress.



SKIRTS/SKORTS

Black or grey skirt or skort. Pleated or non-pleated. **No** leggings or cycling shorts.



HAIR & JEWELLERY

Hair neat and tidy. Long hair tied back with bobble or hair band. Bands, slides, clips etc to be simple and small. Stud earrings **only**. Watches are allowed. Jewellery removed for PE.

WHY BOTHER WITH UNIFORM?

At Le Cateau, uniform is really important. Wearing clean, neat and tidy clothes helps to;

- create a feeling of pride
- helps pupils be safe and practical in their learning
- provides a sense of belonging and teamwork
- reduces distraction from learning
- creates a sense of order and purpose in school
- reduces peer pressure relating to clothes children may otherwise wear

SCHOOLSHOP

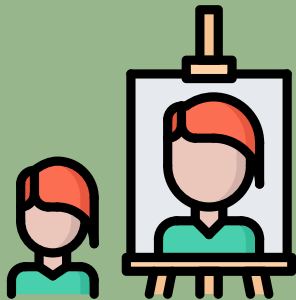




FS1 & 2 Year Olds



This week, we have been enjoying exploring the setting both inside and outside. The children have all settled into our new routines well. We have painted bears and drawn some fantastic portraits of ourselves.



Next week, we will be starting forest schools. This will be on a Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon. Children will need labelled waterproofs and wellies. Please can full time and morning children come to school in their waterproofs and wellies ready to go for the AM forest school session.

Name:
Address:

FS2 Mice & Hippos

FS2 have been trying really hard to learn the new routines. We have been reading the story of Mouse's Big Day and in Maths, we have been matching colours, shapes and numbers. We have also begun our phonics and each child will have videos of the first 5 sounds sent to their Seesaw on Friday. Can you please make sure that you practice these sounds at home with your child to support their learning.

Next week, we will be reading 'The Dot' and in maths, we will be 1-1 counting and also sorting items using different criteria.



News from the Nest

Next week we will be starting our 'I am special' board, making self portraits and flowers using describing words on what makes us special

Please can each child bring a picture of their family for our board.

The weather is changing so please remember to bring a jacket and waterproofs



This week in Year 1

Next week we will be going outside and on a walk around the outside of school. We will be using our senses to collect a list of nouns that we can hear, smell, see and feel. We will be writing a senses poem at the end of the week.

In maths we are consolidating our knowledge and understanding of numbers to 10. We will be making number bonds and ordering numbers.

PE will be on a Monday and Tuesday. The children can come dressed in their PE Kit.

We have had a great week getting to know your children and making sure routines are in place. Please keep accessing your child's seesaw to see what the children are learning going forward. We love it when we get replies to posts as we share these with your child.

Special Shout Outs for Y1

1C - Isla, Evie, Stella, Younus

1H-

1E- Orla, Ezra, Elliott

This week in Year 2

What a fabulous first full week back! We have launched our 'Once Upon a Castle' theme and look forward to what this half term brings!

We have been reading the story 'Zog', by Julia Donaldson which the children have loved. We have been focusing on understanding adjectives and nouns and will be writing a character description of Zog next week.

In maths we have been working on our numbers to 100. We will continue to look at this next week specifically concentrating on the value of each digit within a two-digit number.

A big shout out to all of the Year 2 children who have returned to school with such a fantastic learning attitude!

A reminder that our PE days are:

Tuesday - Outdoor PE

Wednesday - Indoor PE

Please come to school in your PE kit on those days.



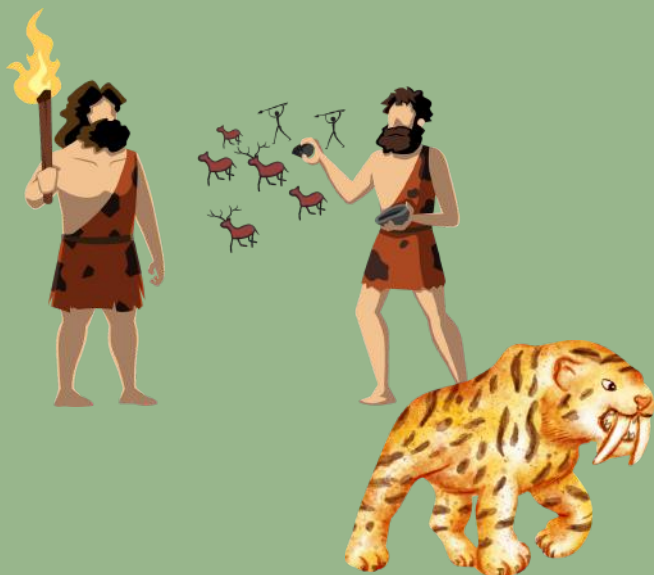
Year 3 Heart & Aces & Incredible Llamas



What a great start we have had to Year 3!

We are starting our Stone Age theme and looking forward to exploring how people lived in the past.

In science, we will look at different types of rocks. Keep your eyes open for different rocks you see out and about.



Well done!

Shout outs to Mivika and Henry in 3AH and Grace and Khyren for their great attitude to learning in 3IL for their great attitude to learning.



Our PE days are Monday and Wednesday. Please come in PE kit for the day.



Year 4 Butterflies & Tigers



Wow! What an incredible start to the year! All Year 4 pupils have settled in really well. The behaviour has been really good and we are all excited for a fantastic year ahead.

This week, we have established routines, class rules and completed some excellent work in books.

Next week, we will launch our new topic 'The Fantastic Forties into Fifties!' We will look at special artefacts from that time period and investigate what those items are. In maths we will continue to recognise number patterns and the value of digits in 4 digit numbers. In English, we will be demonstrating our understanding of the story - The Dot, then we will be creating our own marks to show that we can achieve amazing things when we try!

Congratulations...

All pupils for settling in well to Year 4 - a great start to the year!

Don't Forget



Indoor PE: Tuesday morning.

Outdoor PE: Friday morning.

Come to school wearing PE kit and wear this all day. If you don't have a PE hoody, please bring a school jumper to wear after PE.

No jewellery, please and hair tied back.

Monday 22nd September: Evacuee Day. Come to school dressed as an Evacuee!



Year 5 Hummingbirds & Stars



Fantastic first week back!

We are very proud of Year 5's positive mindset and how they are already showing their high expectations!



We have started on most of our topics now including our Autumn history topic of WW1.



Thursday 18th September – Forest School all day

More info to follow on SeeSaw

Please look out for our letter regarding this year's trips.

Shouts out this week go to:

5S – Leo & Alberts for fantastic maths work.

5H - Aditti for going over and above with her homework.



Year 6 Hawks & Heroes



Welcome all!

Are you ready for your final year at primary School? It's going to be a fun packed year with our motto #Workhardplayhard.

Our topic this term is The Amazon Rainforest, based around the book 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell.



Well done to everyone for starting the year with a smile on their faces.



PE days:

Wednesday am (come to school in your kit with uniform in a bag) - Indoor
Friday pm - Outdoor

Homework and spellings will come home every Friday and will also be available on Seesaw. It is due in by the following Thursday. We will start on Friday 12th. Please listen to your child read at least twice a week and sign their reading record.

A Chromebook agreement has been sent home with your child. Please read, sign and return the agreement to your class teacher.

Please remember to link to Seesaw so that you stay up to date with year group messages. All children have been sent home with a QR code.