



Rufford Class

Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 2026

Geography

Rufford Class will be learning more about where we live. We will learn which countries make up the UK and look at maps of the UK. We will look at maps of Shireoaks and think about how to describe where we live.

Computing

Rufford Class will be learning more about how to use a search engine to search for terms. They will also learn to use a screen turtle and give it directions.

PE

PE this term will be learning fundamental skills, such as balance and co-ordination and will be developing their ball skills. PE will take place on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**. Please come in your PE kits on these days with long hair tied back and no jewellery.

DT

We will be designing and making our own wraps to eat, thinking about a healthy and balanced diet.

PSHE

Our PSHE topics this half term is thinking about our school rules, rewards and consequences. The children will think about what makes our classroom a safe and fair place and will create their own learning charter.

Welcome to Rufford Class! Your teachers are Mrs Cushing on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Mrs C. Green on Thursdays and Fridays. To contact us please use: office@st-lukes.notts.sch.uk

Our teaching assistant is Mrs Y. Green.

We have a busy and exciting year ahead. Termly newsletters will keep you up to date with what your child will be learning, along with lots of information available on our school website.

Homework – We expect children to read 3 times a week. The children will need to practise spellings each week for a test on Monday. They can also practise their times tables on TTRS.

After school club activities – 3:15-4:15 (or 5:30pm)
Please sign up via parent mail, if you're interested.

Monday – baking
Tuesday – football
Wednesday – dance/gym
Thursday – basketball
Friday – arts and crafts

Please note that children will **not** be allowed to bring in pencil cases or toys from school. We have all the resources they will need. Thank you!

English

In English we will be looking at the book 'A bear called Paddington' and writing instructions including features such as imperative (bossy) verbs and adverbs. We will read 'Paddington's Post' and write letters to Aunt Lucy thinking about our use of verbs and punctuation. We will also be learning about prepositions and possessive apostrophes.

Science

Our science topic this term is 'Animals including humans'. We will learn how humans grow and learn about the importance of a healthy diet and exercise.

RE

Our learning in RE this term is about the Jewish creation story and learning how and why Shabbat is celebrated. We will also be learning about Harvest Festival and preparing for this.

Maths

In Maths this term, we are learning about place value looking at numbers up to 100 and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

Our topics for the year will be:
Autumn 1 – Where we live
Autumn 2 – Great Fire of London
Spring 1 – The Arctic
Spring 2 – Walter Tull
Summer 1 – Australia
Summer 2 – Childhood, Then and Now

Diary dates

1st October – Harvest [Assembly@2.45pm](#)
6th October – Clare's Critters visit Rufford Class
13th and 14th October – Parent's Evenings
14th October – World Mental Health Day – non-uniform
16th October – Red Card to Racism – Wear red
16th October- Last day of half term