



Learning to bring out the best in everyone
'I have come that you may have life in all its fullness' (John 10:10)

Welcome to Danube Class July 2023

Our Curriculum Drivers



Learners for Life

Embedded in the Community

Healthy for Life

Environmentally Aware

Rights-Respecting Citizens of the World



Our ELLI Inventory



ELLI – Effective Lifelong Learning Inventory



These characters, each of which represent a specific learning characteristic, begin to help children unpick and identify the skills which all successful learners have. We want the children to be able to identify the strengths in their learning and areas they could develop skills in, and be able to use a 'language of learning' that underpins our learning and is at the heart of our curriculum.

Danube Class – from the Early Years to Key Stage 1



- Key Stage 1 is the second of the three phases of primary learning and cover ages 5-7 (year 1 and year2).
- KS1 marks a shift towards more specific subject teaching – maths and literacy (two of the core curriculum subjects) will be taught every day.
- Other subjects, such as science, art and DT, history, geography, PE, music, PSHE, RE and computing are taught weekly and may be block taught depending on topics for the term.
- KS1 have two PE lessons each week, one of which will be a block of swimming lessons during the year at Stradbroke.
- Music is taught by Suffolk County Council music services.

What does a typical day in Danube Class look like?



DANUBE	8.30am - 8.45am	8.45-9.10am	9.10am - 10.00am	10.00am - 10.30am	10.30am - 10.45am	10.45am - 11.10am	11.10am - 12.00pm	12.00pm - 1.00pm	1.00pm - 1.20pm	1.20pm - 2.15pm	2.15pm - 3.15pm
MONDAY		ACTIVE MATHS	MATHS	SPAG	BREAK	PHONICS	WRITE STUFF	LUNCH	SINGING ASSEMBLY	HISTORY/ GEOGRAPHY	PE
TUESDAY	EARLY BIRDS	ACTIVE MATHS	MATHS	GUIDED READING	BREAK	PHONICS	WRITE STUFF	LUNCH	VALUES ASSEMBLY	FOREST SCHOOLS	PSHE
WEDNESDAY	EARLY BIRDS	ACTIVE MATHS	MATHS	GUIDED READING	BREAK	PHONICS	WRITE STUFF	LUNCH	SCHOOL FORUM	PE	MUSIC
THURSDAY	EARLY BIRDS	ACTIVE MATHS	MATHS	GUIDED READING	BREAK	PHONICS	WRITE STUFF	LUNCH	VISITOR ASSEMBLY	COMPUTING	SCIENCE
FRIDAY		ACTIVE MATHS	MATHS	SPELLING	BREAK	PHONICS	WRITE STUFF	LUNCH	BOOK WORMS	ART/D&T	STAR OF THE WEEK 2.35pm

What else do I need to know...?



- A homework task will be set each week. This will rotate across the subjects in the class and will support our learning. The expectation is that all children will complete homework tasks and these will typically take no longer than 20 minutes.
- Your child may be asked to take part in Early Birds activities – these are support/extension sessions which run from 8.30-8.45am on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.
- Children should have a PE kit in school at all times and wellies for wet weather.
- Children will begin to have spellings set and there will be a test each Friday. Spellings will be placed inside your child's reading record.

How can I help my child...?



- If possible, children should read every night at home – reading at home has a significant impact on the progression children make in phonics – your support is so important!
- Ensure your child has correct school uniform on and appropriate footwear.
- Get involved in your child's learning – homework, reading, spellings and talk about their day – talking has such a positive impact on children's development.
- Keep screen time to a minimum.

The Phonics Screening Check



- At the end of year 1 children will sit a phonics screening check.
- This is a short assessment where children will be asked to read a selection of 40 words, all of which are fully decodable and appropriate to the phonics taught in class.
- There is a pass mark for the assessment, but should children not attain this level, there is another opportunity to sit the check again at the end of year 2.
- This check is to ensure we are providing any additional teaching and support required to enable children to develop their reading skills to their full potential in Key Stage 1.

What's coming up next year?



- Our topics will start with 'Out and About in Fressingfield: a study of our local area,' which will include a walk around the village. This will be followed by 'Marvellous Inventions' in the spring and 'Explorers: Into the Great Unknown' in the summer term. A trip will be confirmed as soon as possible to link in to the explorers topic.
- Our class will performing a nativity with Colorado.
- We will be taking in the Walk on the Wild Side with the whole school

Any other questions?



I'm always here at the end of the day. My email is available on the newsletter.
If you have any queries that may take a little longer or need more privacy I'm happy to book an appointment for after school.