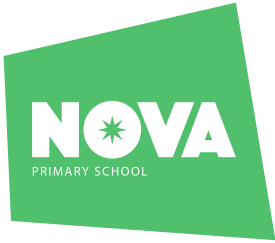


Welcome to Blaise Castle Class





About Me

Name: Mrs Dympna Leonard

- Experience: 18 years teaching
- What you enjoy about teaching: creating a stimulating classroom experience which captures children's imagination and gets the best out of them as they learn.
- Learning through picture books
- Great discussions about class novels and topical events

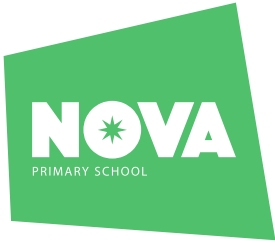


Learning Partnership

As teachers we want to support children and families. **We will work together to ensure all children are happy, safe and learning.**



Home-School Agreement (emailed to you) outlines the role of school staff, parents and children in a successful learning partnership.



Communication

- You can make contact with me by emailing or phoning the school office. I'll call you back or arrange an appointment.
- If a matter is urgent, you will also be able to speak to me at pick up time most days.

Mindful Morning Routine

Gates open at 8.35am

- *EYFS & KS1 – parents and carers wait with children on the playground.*
- *KS2 children walk to their playgrounds and classrooms independently. Teachers will be there to greet them.*
- ***Whistle blown at 8.43am and children line up with their teacher.***

Morning routine in class:

- *Children to hang up coats & bags etc*
- ***Mindful morning activities will be set up for all children to engage with whilst the register is taken.***

Gates will be locked at 8.50am

Zones of Regulation

Mindful mornings (and times throughout the school day) will be an opportunity to teach children to recognise their emotions. Throughout the year we will be teaching and developing a bank of strategies with the children that they can use to help regulate their emotions. You can support by using the language of zones of regulation at home and to communicate to us.

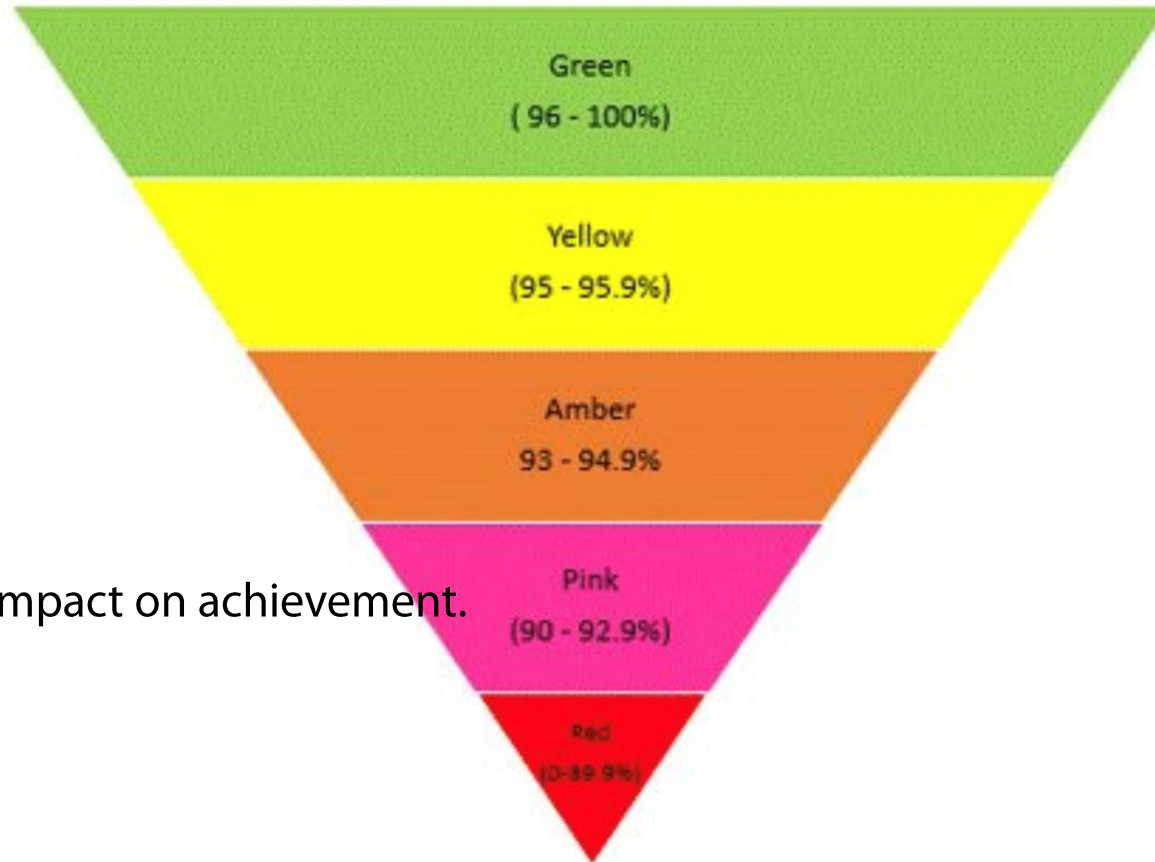
What Zone Are You In?			
Blue	Green	Yellow	Red
			
Sick Sad Tired Bored Moving Slowly	Happy Calm Feeling Okay Focused Ready to Learn	Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Excited Loss of Some Control	Mad/Angry Mean Yelling/Hitting Disgusted Out of Control

Attendance

Attendance and punctuality are *extremely* important. Being on time helps prepare all children to be settled and ready for their school day.

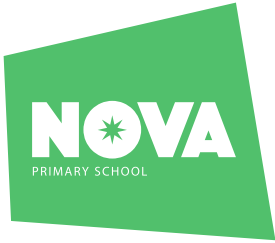
- Gates open at 8:35am
- Register is taken at 8.45am
- Gates are locked at 8.50am Your child *must* be in before this time.
- Children coming in between 8.45am -9.30am will be marked as 'late'.
- Children coming in after 9.30am, will be marked as an 'absent'.
- It is a Nova expectation from EY that children attend *every* day.

Attendance



Attendance has an impact on achievement.

Attendance Groups & Risk	
Green	No Risk
Yellow	Risk of Under Achievement
Amber	Serious Risk of Under Achievement
Pink	Severe Risk of Under Achievement
Red	Extreme Risk of Under Achievement



Behaviour






Nova's 2 golden rights:

- Everyone has the right to learn
 - Everyone has the right to be happy and safe
- Positive approach to behaviour management
 - Recognition board, postcards, phone calls home, appreciation
 - Weekly Nova star award and termly 'Above and Beyond' award

Behaviour

- Our behaviour policy can be viewed on our website, including steps & consequences.

When this occurs, we implement the following strategies:

Take up time	Reminder from adult of expected behaviour with a wink or a nod.	
Step 1	Mini-chat: A scripted conversation ³ of 30 seconds and a reminder about the task and an offer of help.	
Step 2	Five-minute check-in following Step 1 and praise correct behaviour or Further Scripted Behaviour Intervention ⁴ and direction towards regulation station explained: 5 minutes for KS1 children accessing regulation strategies 10 minutes for KS2 children accessing regulation strategies This will be followed up with a scripted restorative conversation* with adult and recognition of regulation.	
Step 3	If challenging behaviour continues, child goes to paired class for remainder of the session (am/pm) and attends supervised lunchtime restoration* session. This will be followed up with a scripted restorative conversation* with adult at the end of lunchtime restoration. Parents/Carers will be informed if their child reaches this step.	
Step 4	If step 3 is reached 3x in a week, the senior leadership team will intervene, a new Positive Behaviour Plan will be implemented in a meeting with parents/carers and class teacher.	

- Parents will be informed if their child reaches a step 3 or needs a positive behavior plan.



Curriculum

Learning Journey

Engaging

Authentic

Rigorous

Nova Curriculum

Curriculum

	Term 1 & 2 Lessons from the past	Term 3 & 4 Investigating & making a difference	Term 5 & 6 What a wonderful world!
EY	Topics to be decided based upon children's interests		
Year 1	Who are the real heroes? <i>Significant figures in history</i> Big idea: Making a difference	How can we make traditional tales come to life? <i>Stories - Materials</i> Big idea: Morals	Why is water precious? <i>Plants & animals - Journeys – Oceans</i> Big idea: Uses and preserving
Year 2	What was it like to live in Victorian times? <i>Comparison Queen Victoria and Elizabeth 1 – The Great Exhibition of 1851 – Sources of information – Changes over time</i> Big idea: Researching history	What makes Bristol brilliant? <i>Significant events and people in local History - Brunel – DT - Shirehampton/ Weston Super Mare – Fieldwork</i> Big idea: Legacy & Community	What makes Africa amazing? <i>Comparing UK to a non-European country– animals</i> Big idea: Diversity and Comparison
Year 3	Would you prefer to live in Ancient Egypt or the Stone age Britain? <i>Stone age – Iron age – Ancient Egyptians</i> Big idea: Changes over time	How can science educate and entertain us? <i>Research & discoveries- Electricity – Forces and magnets</i> Big idea: Cause and effect	Why should we care about the environment? <i>Environment – Rainforests – South America</i> Big idea: Preserve and protect
Year 4	Who were the Romans and what was their legacy on Britain? <i>Romans - Europe</i> Big idea: Changes over time	How has STEM changed the world? <i>Designs changing over time – Light & sound - Supporting disabilities</i> Big idea: Legacy & Design	What's the most important thing about chocolate? <i>Fairtrade – Cooking - Mayans</i> Big idea: Fairness and moderation
Year 5	Why were the European invaders (Vikings) such successful conquerors? <i>Vikings – Anglo Saxons - Europe</i> Big idea: Compare & Contrast	How have the Ancient Greeks influenced us? <i>Greek influence on Western life</i> Big idea: Legacy and belief	What makes planet Earth unique? <i>Science – Space - Mountains, rivers & water cycle</i> <i>Geography - Natural disasters</i> Big idea: Exploration and mystery Big idea: Survival and Prevention
Year 6	Britain in the 20th Century - What changes have been seen? <i>WW2 – Windrush - Local history - legacy</i> Big idea: Comparison & Empathy	How did the Earth evolve? <i>Evolution – Volcanoes and Earthquakes – Natural disasters</i> Big idea: Changes & Diversity	How can life be celebrated through animation? <i>Animations – Technology – Legacy</i> Big idea: Celebration & Creation

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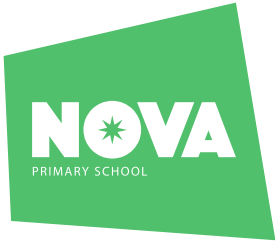


GEOGRAPHER, SCIENTIST, MUSICIAN, AUTHOR, PHILOSOPHER, READER, MATHEMATICIAN, ARTIST, ENGINEER, HISTORIAN

To help children develop their knowledge about different subjects in the wider curriculum.

Curriculum

Why were European invaders such successful conquerors?												
	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12
Maths  Mathematician	Decimal fractions (NCETM)											
Reading  Author: Reading skills	Erik the Viking – Viking sagas Non-fiction about Viking life					Orphans of the tide The Flower Flotsam Tuesday						
Writing  Author: writing skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What we'll build (picture book) Cold write for Non Chron 	Viking non-chrons: Longboats Viking non-chrons: Longboats Viking life	Narrative: Viking sagas			recount/letters based on Flotsam and Tuesday and The Flower		Non Chrons: Anglo-Saxon life	Arguements for and against the Viking invasion of the UK		How to get to Valhalla	
Science	Children learn about forces <i>(Taught by Miss Catchpole in PPA)</i>					Children learn about working scientifically <i>(Taught by Miss Catchpole in PPA)</i>					Activate Windows Go to Settings to	



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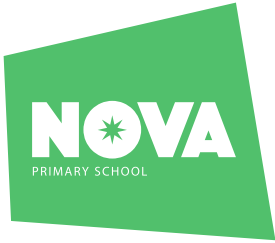
- If you have expertise to offer in any of these topics, please let me know.
- *Visit from Michael Gorely from English Heritage 20/9/21*

Home Learning –reading and key skills!

- Our home learning policy has been updated following consultation.
- *The focus for home learning is on reading and key skills – the building blocks!*



- Our home learning policy and update will be shared with you next week, along with our class homelearning for this term.
- This week we are focusing on getting to know the children.



Home Learning – Reading and key skills!

- Children are expected to read at home everyday as reading is the key to success!
- Children KS2 will have TTR and Spelling Shed log ins to practise their number and spellings skills at home.
- Some optional suggested home learning activities linked to the wider curriculum will also be shared termly.
- If you want further guidance or additional materials to support your child with their learning at home, please speak to me.



Dates for the diary

- Phonics and reading information meeting for all parents – Tuesday 28th September at 3.30pm in school hall with Frankie Owen (EYFS & Phonics leader) and Dympna Leonard (English leader).
- Maths information meeting for all parents – Thursday 30th September at 3.30pm in school hall with Emma Cuthbert (Maths leader).

Reading

- Our Nova Family Reading Journals will be issued to all children. There is space to: record titles of books read and comments, write reviews, spelling lists and tips for the reading helper – you!
- Levelled book bands – recently updated fiction and non-fiction books at your child's reading level.
- Library – classroom and whole-school library stocked with exciting titles.
- Please read daily with your child at home. For strategies to support we have a phonics and reading information meeting for all parents – Tuesday 28th September at 3.30pm in school hall.

Our whole-school Reading Records



Family Reading Record

(and guide for the reading helper)

Name: _____

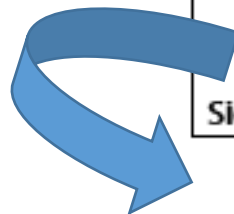
Class: _____



What can parents and carers do to support young readers?

Nova Primary 'Take 10 Challenge'

<p>Staff at Nova Primary pledge to take <i>at least</i> 10 minutes each day to read with your child.</p>	<p>I pledge to take 10 minutes each day to read my book.</p>	<p>Will you pledge to take 10 minutes each day to read with your children?</p>
Signed: _____	Signed: _____	Signed: _____



This may be in Guided Reading lessons, class novels or individually

Reading

- VIPERS: in Guided Reading lessons, we prepare questions from the five National Curriculum reading assessment strands using the mnemonic 'VIPERS' to ensure *all* key comprehension reading skills are targeted.


'VIPERS' prompt questions are printed in every Nova Reading Record for the reading helper.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Questions to ask your child when reading - Key Stage 2

Reading Vipers

- Vocabulary
- Infer
- Predict
- Explain
- Retrieve
- Sequence or Summarise



Vocabulary

Which word tells you that...?
Find a word or phrase that suggests that

Explain

Which section was the interesting/exciting part?
The mood of the character changes throughout the text. Find phrases which show this.
Why is the text arranged this way?
What structures has the author used.

Retrieve

What genre is this text? Do you know?
Who had...?
What happened to...?
Give an example of....
How did...?



Maths

- Maths curriculum develops fluency, reasoning & problem solving skills.
- Knowing number facts & times tables quickly helps in all areas of maths. Please support your child with this at home 5x a week!
- **Most children in Y5 should know times tables up to 12x12 fluently by the end of Y5 (and related division facts).**
- We will send home information about your child's specific targets too so you know what to help them with at home.
- Times Table Rockstars in KS2 – all children have log ins.

A colorful grid of multiplication tables from 1 to 12. The title "Times Tables" is at the top in yellow. The grid is organized into columns for each multiplier (1-12) and rows for each multiplicand (1-12). Each cell contains the product of the multiplier and multiplicand. The colors of the cells correspond to the multiplier column: 1 (blue), 2 (orange), 3 (green), 4 (red), 5 (purple), 6 (brown), 7 (pink), 8 (grey), 9 (olive), 10 (yellow), 11 (cyan), and 12 (magenta).



Additional information

- *Please ensure PE kit is in school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Earrings must be removed at home.*
- *Spelling lists for the term will be issued this week. Please check your child's book bags.*
- *Target times tables will be tested on Fridays.*
- *A reading book and record will be issued by the end of week one.*
- *Please ensure children have a full water bottle each day. Juice is not permitted.*
- *All stationery: pens, pencils and cases are provided.*