

Sound and District Primary School

MEET THE TEACHER

OPAL class

2024-25

Opal Class Teachers



MRS AVERILL

CLASS TEACHER



MS MCADIE

TEACHING ASSISTANT

MRS ALLEN
WEDNESDAY PM AND
THURSDAY AM

Timetable



Opal Class Timetable 2024-2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.30am – 9.00am	Register & Early work (Green Work, Handwriting, Times Tables/ Maths activity or Spellings)				
	Handwriting				
9.00am – 9.30am	SPAG Spellings	SPAG Grammar	SPAG Grammar	SPAG Punctuation	Spelling Test/New Spellings
9.30am – 10.30am	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths Four rules of number & times tables	Maths
10.30am – 10.50am	Break				
10.50am – 11.45am	English T4W	English T4W	English T4W	English Whole Class Reading	English T4W / Poetry
11.45am – 12.00pm	Class Book				
12.00pm – 1.00pm	Lunch				
1.00pm – 2.00pm	Independent Reading	Independent Reading	Independent Reading	Art/D&T	Independent Reading
	PE	Music	Science		Geography/History
2.00pm – 3.00pm	Computing	RE	PSHE	PE	Celebration Assembly

Geography/History Topics

Autumn One	Autumn Two	Spring One	Spring Two	Summer One	Summer Two
Land Use	World War II	Rainforests	Crime and Punishment	Extreme Earth	Ancient Egypt
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Trips / Residential

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Activity Centres



PE

Children are to continue coming to school wearing their PE kits.

P.E. Kit:

- Black shorts
- White T Shirt
- Sound Sports Hoodie
- Dark Tracksuit
- Trainers

Opal PE sessions are on Monday and a Thursdays.

Please remove all jewellery before coming to school on these days.



Home-School Communication

It is really important that as a school we keep strong communications between home and school. You can use the methods below to share information with staff at Sound.

- Use the children's diaries/planners
- Speak directly to a member of staff
- Contact the office on 01270780270 or admin@sound.cheshire.sch.uk to arrange a meeting.
- All communications should first and foremost go through to the class teacher, unless it is something which is needed to be directed to the deputy or headteacher.
- We will be keeping you regularly updated through the website, facebook and newsletter about what your child is doing in class.
- Reminders, or other general information will go through our [teachers2parentsapp](#).
- <https://soundprimary.co.uk>

Sound School Communication

Teacher2Parents (Eduspot)	Class Dojo	School Website	School Facebook	Face to Face
Admin/Staff emails	Children's Dojos for Positive Behaviour	Whole School key documents	Weekly highlights of school events & achievements for our wider community	Staff/Headteacher on the playground at the beginning and end of day – quick memos.
Electronic letters	Share pupils work and achievements	School Policies/Procedures		In person Parent Meetings
Confidential Documents	Sharing pictures of the curriculum in action!	Galleries of achievements/ events over the whole year		Open Days
School Dinners	Class/whole school announcement/ reminders of events etc..	Attendance Information		
Parent Bookings		School Curriculum overviews		
Confidential emails				
All attendance queries				

Reading Diaries

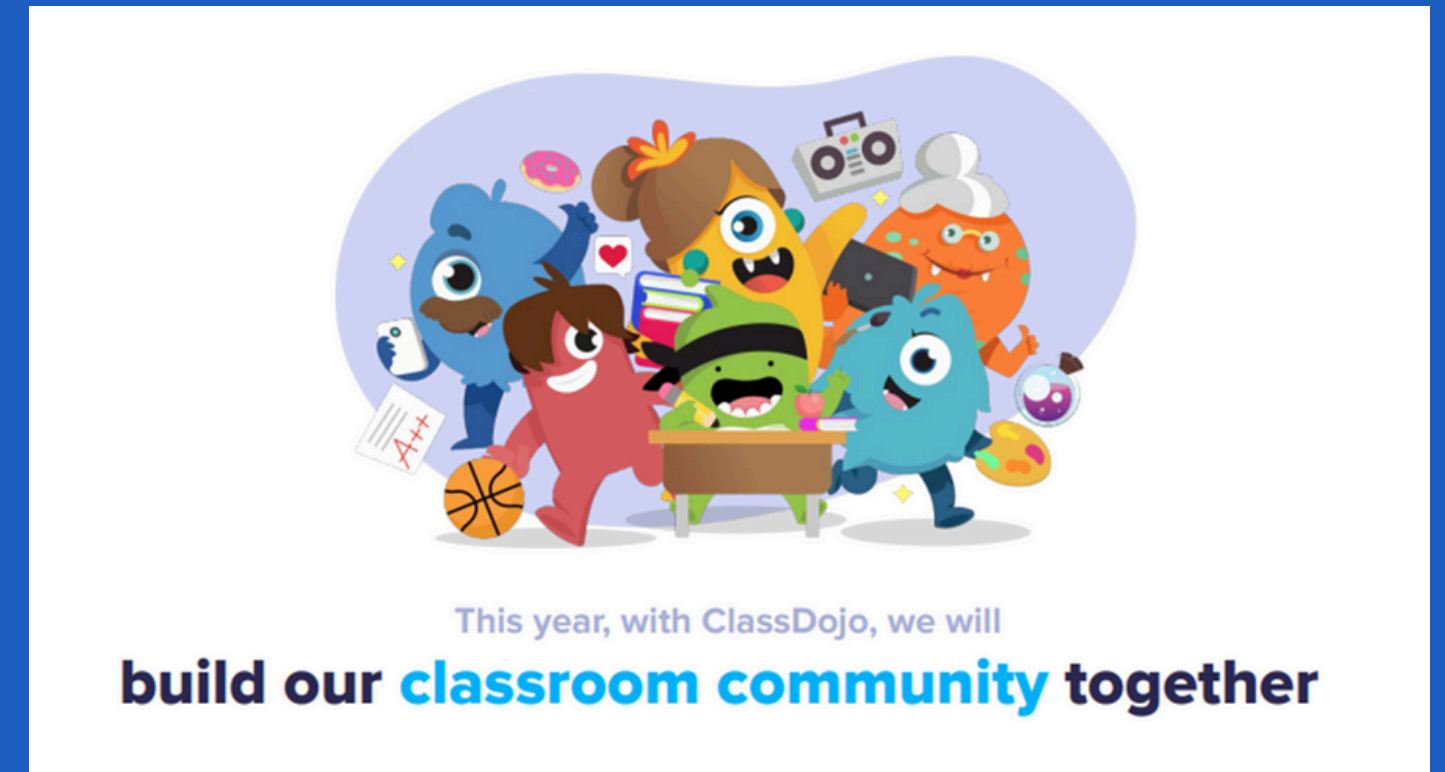
Day/Book	Child and Parent/Carer Comments	Teacher Comments
26.9.22 This and that	We practiced the flash cards and went over them several times, the only one she struggled on was they. (mum) Well done [redacted] KS	We looked at the 'ch' sound in Chip-chop-chin A good start [redacted] KS
27.9 Holidays Then and Now Mum's New Hat up to page 10.	[redacted] read Mum's new hat and she read very well [redacted]	I encouraged [redacted] to just read the H-fruit rather than blending (a we discussed). A great try today! KS my
27-09-22	[redacted] read Mum's new hat and she read very well [redacted]	
28.9.22 Tails	Well done [redacted] you did really well and read the whole book brilliantly (mum).	Well done for recalling the (ai) sound Well done today! KS

It is essential that we maintain the use of diaries at home and school to track the reading your child does. Please make a note in their diary whenever you listen to them read.



Class Dojo

We are excited to be using Class Dojo after a successful trial in EYFS, KS1 and KS2 last year. This is a school/home communication app that can be used to share work, information, and achievements! You will be able to see what we get up to in school and any team points your child has earned.



Let's get connected!

3 easy steps

- 1 Download the app**
ClassDojo is FREE!
iOS, Android, and web
- 2 Sign up as a parent**
If you have a teacher account,
use a separate email address
- 3 Use our class link!**
Type in your child's name and
I'll approve your connection

Three screenshots of the Class Dojo app interface. The first shows the app's App Store page with a 4.4-star rating and 'Top Free Education' badge. The second shows the sign-up screen with options for 'I'm a parent', 'I'm a teacher', 'I'm a student', and 'I'm a school leader'. The third shows the 'Have a parent code?' screen where a user can enter a code to join a class.

We DO use this for:

- Sharing your children's learning and achievements with class dojos!
- Whole class/school announcements of events or reminders
- Non urgent message/reminder to the class teacher which does not necessarily need a response



We DO NO use it for :

- Concerns/complaints through private messaging – these STILL go through the schools central email.
- Urgent, quick response messages – these still go through the school office
- Any attendance queries or absences – these still go through the school office

PLEASE REFER TO THE CLASS DOJO CODE OF CONDUCT SO THIS GREAT APP CAN CONTINUE TO BE A GREAT SUCCESS!



Homework

Spelling tests will be each Friday. New spellings will be given in school and stuck into diaries.

Children should read every night and complete AR quizzes in school regularly.

TTRS should be done each night.

Any other homework will be posted to Class Dojo.

If you are ever unsure about any homework then please, LET ME KNOW!





Times Tables

Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) is an exciting times tables app that we will be using in school and at home. Children will be expected to use this app throughout the week. Each game takes 3-5 mins so it's perfect to fit into their routine e.g. in the car, before dinner, waiting for the bath to run etc.

[HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=-ZXZBRVVBYM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ZXZBRVVBYM)

Year 4 National Times Tables Test

SUMMER TERM



What is the Multiplication Tables Check?



The Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) is a key stage 2 assessment to be taken by pupils at the end of year 4 (in June). The purpose of the MTC is to make sure the times tables knowledge is at the expected level. The multiplication tables check (MTC) is statutory for primary schools.

The MTC is an online test where the pupils are asked 25 questions on times tables 2 to 12. For every question you have 6 seconds to answer and in between the questions there is a 3-second rest. Questions about the 6, 7, 8, 9, and 12 times table come up more often.

How can I help?

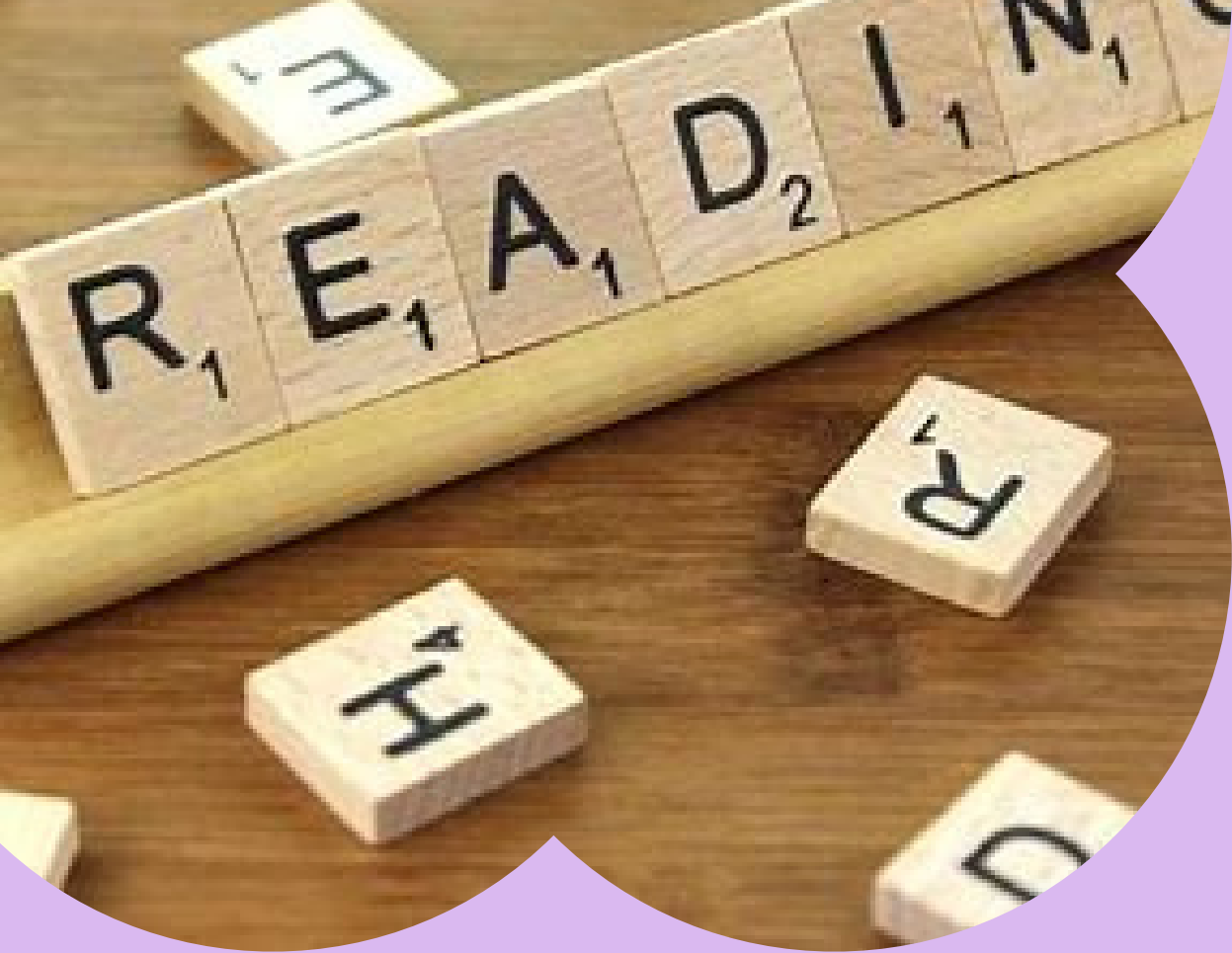
We would recommend a number of strategies to support your child in the run-up to and aftermath of the times tables test including:

- Times tables chanting: “6, 12, 18, 24...”
- Times tables chanting in reverse order: “108, 99, 90, 81...”
- Using times tables songs, like Schoolhouse Rock’s ‘3 is A Magic Number’
 - Using apps, like the one by kks2timestables.co.uk, Times Tables Rock Stars or Hit the Button
 - Using free online games, like those on Maths Frame
 - Asking your child multiplication calculations out of order, like: “What is 4×7 ? What is 9×5 ? What is 6×11 ?”

The following activity closely resembles the Multiplication Check that your child will take at the end of Year 4. Practicing this will greatly help your child become comfortable with the test format and improve their confidence.

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>





Accelerated Reader

- Super success over last five years.
- Engaged the children (almost everyone!)
- Each time they finish a book they quiz to test comprehension –target 85%
- Reward based.
- If every child in the class fully participates they will be at least at the expected level for their age group at the end of the year.
- Aim to complete one book a week if Orange/Green/Blue Band,
- Pink / Brown + one book a fortnight





Children who read outside class daily are five times as likely to read above the expected level for their age compared with children who never read outside school.

20 minutes a day

1,800,000 words per year

5 minutes a day

282,000 words per year

1 minute a day

8,000 words per year

National Literacy Trust's Children and Young People's Reading, 2016

School Dinner

Once your child moves up to Key Stage 2 their entitlement to a universal free school meal (UFSM) ends and unless your child is entitled to free school meals (FSM) you will have to pay for school dinners.

Week 1			Week 2		
MONDAY Cheese Flan with Salad Potatoes (v) Choice of Filled Baguettes Dorset Apple Cake or Fresh Fruit	MONDAY Vegetarian Sausage Roll with Potato Wedges (v) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling/s (v) Chocolate Crunch Finger with Fruit Chunk or Fresh Fruit				
TUESDAY Beef Burger in a Bun with Sauté Potatoes & Coleslaw Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling/s (v) Fruity Jelly or Yogurt	TUESDAY BBQ Pulled Pork in a Tortilla Boat with Savoury Rice Pasta Parma Rosa (v) Melting Moment, Yogurt or Fresh Fruit				
WEDNESDAY Roast Chicken & Stuffing, Potatoes, Vegetables & Gravy Cheesy Pasta (v) Chocolate Orange Kracholette or Fresh Fruit	WEDNESDAY All Day Breakfast Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling/s (v) Apple & Sultana Flapjack or Fresh Fruit				
THURSDAY Beef Pasta Bolognese with Garlic Bread Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling/s (v) Summer Fruit Sponge or Fresh Fruit	THURSDAY Southern Style Chicken with Savoury Rice Ploughman's Toastie with Veg Sticks (v) Pear & Chocolate Sponge or Fresh Fruit				
FRIDAY Fish Fingers with Chips, Baked Beans or Peas Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Chips & Beans or Peas (v) Shortbread Finger with Fruit Chunk or Fresh Fruit	FRIDAY Battered Fish & Chips with Baked Beans or Sweetcorn BBQ Quorn Wrap with Chips (v) Ice Cream & Fruit Coulis or Fresh Fruit				

To order school dinners in Year 3 you go to the following :

<https://eduspot.co.uk/product/teachers2parents/>

Sign in with your unique username and password

Go to the school dinners icon and you can book your daily meals (£2.30 a day.)



PTA

At Sound and District we have a very supportive PTFA who help to raise funds for the school, organise exciting events and experiences for the children and help to further develop a strong parent school relationship.



If you would like to join 'The Friends of Sound' and work closely with the school, please contact the school office for further information.



**Any
Questions?**

Thank you!

