

# Turbinia and Shemara Newsletter

Autumn 1  
2026

Raleigh Infant and  
Admirals Academies

## Welcome

Dear families,

Welcome back!

We hope that you have had an enjoyable summer and are looking forward to the autumn term.

Over the summer, we have made some exciting changes to our learning areas, and we are thrilled with how they have turned out. Even more importantly, it has been wonderful to see how much the children have enjoyed exploring and engaging with the refreshed spaces over these first few days.

## Important Dates



- 14.09.26 – Swimming starts (Y5 pupils)
- 28.9.26 – after school clubs start
- 29.9.26 – Parents evening 1
- 30.9.26 – Parents evening 2
- 15.10.26 – School photographs
- 22.10.26 – Last day of term
- 23.10.26 – Staff Training Day

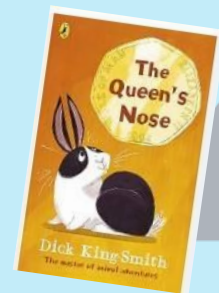
## English

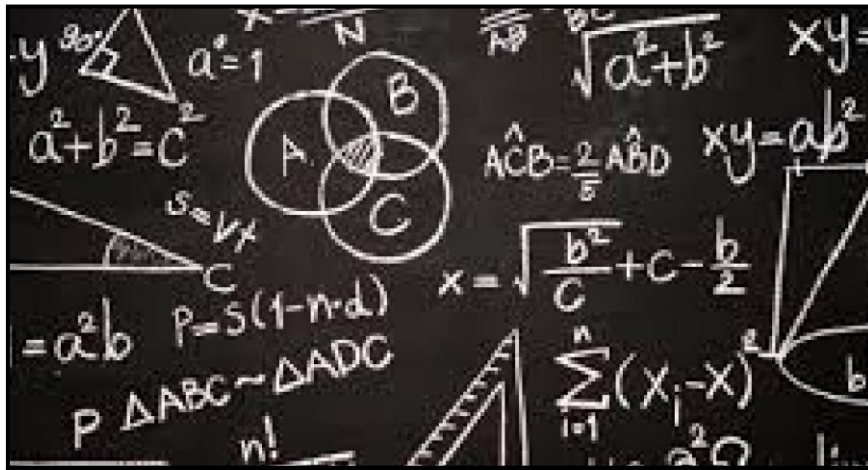
### Reading

Some of our children will begin the day by working on their phonics, developing their confidence and skills in reading. Our Shemara children will be reading and exploring *The Dot*, while our Turbinia children will be immersed in *The Queen's Nose*, developing their reading skills and enjoying the stories along the way.

### Writing

Shemara will be using **Drawing Club** to develop their writing skills, using images as a stimulus to build towards writing short sentences. Turbinia will be exploring a variety of text types, learning how to structure their writing using model texts as a guide, while continuing to develop and progress at their individual levels.





## Mathematics

Our focus in Mathematics is to develop the children's **number skills, confidence and understanding**.

**Shemara** will be focusing on **subitising numbers up to 10**—recognising how many objects there are without needing to count each one. You can support this at home by practising counting objects together and encouraging your child to recognise small groups of objects.

**Turbinia** will be rehearsing their **multiplication tables** and developing a deeper understanding of **place value**, helping them to recognise the value of each digit within a number.

## Homework

All children in **Turbinia and Shemara** will receive weekly homework, which will be set on a **Thursday** and returned to school on the following **Tuesday**.

We understand that homework can sometimes be challenging for our children and their families. Homework will be **carefully individualised** to ensure that every child can access the activities, experience success and build confidence in their learning.

Our aim is for homework to be a positive opportunity to practise and celebrate the skills they are developing in school.

## PE

Pupils in Year 4, will have PE lessons on a **Wednesday** and will need to wear full PE kit for the entire day (white t-shirt, black/grey jogging bottoms or shorts).

Pupils in Year 5, will have PE lessons on a **Thursday** and will need to wear full PE kit on this day. They will also have swimming on Monday morning.

Shemara will have PE on Monday mornings.

Please note that children will need spare clothes for Monday Forest school sessions.

## Life Skills



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In Shemara, children will continue to develop against the personal, social and emotional development strands through their continuous provision.

In Turbinia, both year groups will follow their year group curriculum for being me in my world.

In Year 4 we will be focusing on;

- Being part of a class team
- Being a school citizen
- Rights, responsibilities and democracy (school council)
- Rewards and consequences
- Group decision-making
- Having a voice
- What motivates behaviour

In Year 5 we will be focusing on;

- Planning the year ahead
- Being a citizen
- Rights and responsibilities
- Rewards and consequences
- How behaviour affects groups
- Democracy, having a voice, participa

If you would like any more information on these lessons, please speak to your child's class teacher, Mrs Wilsoncroft or the office.



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