

Key Stage 2 Newsletter

General

We would like to welcome all children back after the holidays and hope that a good summer was had by all. We would also like to welcome two new teachers to key stage 2: Miss Courtney who will be teaching Dolphin class and Mrs Stables who will be teaching Literacy and Numeracy in Meerkat class.

Literacy

In Giraffe class we are analysing and learning about fiction genres. We will be examining different types of short stories looking at their structure and the type of language used for good character descriptions. The children will then write short stories of their own based on detective and adventure genres.

In Tiger class we are starting the year with a unit on information texts, in which the children will be creating their own information books based on the Ancient Egyptians. After this we will be looking at stories set in Ancient Egypt before writing our own Egyptian themed stories.

In Meerkat class we are learning about a story of how the world was created through the eyes of the Ancient Egyptians. Along the way we are finding and using four types of words/phrases -nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs- to add value to our writing, The children will collect as much jazzy language as they can to use in their own story of creation.

In Dolphin Class we shall be covering an exciting range of topics including instruction writing and creation stories during the first term. Our first unit shall be instruction writing where children will build up to writing recipes for monster soup- you may not want to try these at home!

Numeracy

Work on times tables and the related division facts will be continuing this term. Children should practice these regularly to become fluent and be able to recall them confidently.

In Giraffe class we will be working on number. The children will learn the written methods for the multiplication and division of integers and decimals. They will also start to convert decimals and fractions. In addition to this we will be looking at multiples and 2d shapes. To help with problem solving we will learn how to solve problems using tree diagrams.

In Tiger class we are starting the year with a unit of work on number including reading and writing large numbers, understanding negative numbers and written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. In problem solving we are learning to look for patterns to solve a range of problems.

In Meerkat class we are starting off with a unit of work on ordering numbers, understanding the place value of digits in 3, 4 and 5-digit numbers and partitioning them before moving onto using these numbers in calculations such as addition and multiplication. In problem solving we are learning to look for patterns to solve various problems.

In Dolphin class Numeracy will give children the opportunity to study units which include numbers and place value for the first term. The children's first unit of work covers basic counting with two and three digit numbers followed by place value where they shall begin to understand the value of each digit.

Creative Curriculum

Key stage two will be spending the next two terms learning about Ancient Egypt and modern day Egypt. During this topic the children will enjoy a range of activities including learning about the pyramids, pharaohs and mummies! They will also discover the origins of Egyptian culture and religion in addition to learning how Egypt is related to other countries. The children will also take part in a range of related art and design projects.

P.E. days

Giraffe class usually have P.E. on a Wednesday and Thursday. However, this term they will be swimming on a Monday morning, which will replace the Thursday lesson.

Tiger class have P.E. lessons on a Monday and Tuesday.

Dolphin class have P.E. on a Thursday and Friday.

(For future reference, year 5 will be swimming during term 2, year 4 during term 3 and year 3 during term 4).

Homework

Homework will be given out on a Wednesday to be handed in the following Monday.

Homework will usually consist of one piece of Literacy and one piece of Numeracy although on occasion it may be related to other subjects. At the start of each new term, the first two weeks' homework will continue to be a research project related to the creative curriculum.

Our homework for the Egypt topic was sent home on Friday 6th September, and is due in school on Monday 23th September.

It is also expected that children will practise their times tables for a weekly test.

Reminders

All children must have a fully labelled P.E. kit at school at all times.

Children also need their own pen, pencil, glue stick and art apron which also need to be kept in school at all times.

In addition, as there is no water fountain in the juniors, all children need their own water bottle.

Children will bring their reading books home every day with the expectation that they will read at home with an adult if required. Children need their books in school every day as daily silent reading takes place in the classroom.

Thank you.