

Key Stage 2 Newsletter

General

We would like to welcome all children back after the holiday and hope that everyone had a lovely Christmas.

English

In Tiger class we started the term by continuing to look at a modern retelling of a myth. We will be focussing on using the issues raised to explore 'Big Questions' that will enable the children to develop their higher level thinking, comprehension, and writing skills. After this, we will be reading and writing non-fiction texts with a focus on recounts. The children will be given the chance to write their own reports based on real-life events.

In Meerkat class we have started the term with a unit of work on poetry, exploring and writing a range of different types of poems on the theme of winter. After this, we will be spending the remainder of the term working on persuasive texts - writing persuasive letters and looking at persuasive adverts.

In Dolphin class we have started the term by looking at stories with familiar settings and how we can add description to our writing in order to capture our audience. We will end the term by looking at information texts with focus on animals. The children will learn persuasive language and presentation techniques.

Maths

Tiger class we will be learning how to do addition and subtraction using mental strategies and formal written methods. We will also be learning about decimals as fractions and units of measurement with a focus on mass.

In Meerkat class, we started the term with a week on money including how to find change by counting up as well as using written methods to add and subtract larger amounts of money. We are currently finishing a week of learning about decimals and will spend the rest of the term covering angles, 2D shapes and coordinates.

In Dolphin class we have furthered our knowledge in place value, subtraction and addition to solve problems. We will be moving on to capacity and volume, fractions and shape.

For all of Key stage 2, work on times tables and the related division facts will be continuing this term. The children should continue to practice these regularly to become fluent and be able to recall them confidently. Children will have a weekly times tables test where they will aim to meet their targets.

