

Key Stage 2 Newsletter

General

We would like to welcome all children back after the holiday and hope that everyone had a lovely time. We have lots to look forward to this term, including our Wicked Words week and World Book Day.

English

In Giraffe class we will be reading the fantastic novel 'Wolf Brother' by Michelle Paver which links to our creative curriculum topic. We will be using drama and discussion to expand our understanding of the story, learning to write with suspense and also creating our own fictional stories in the same genre. We will continue to revise word classes, punctuation and Grammar and will concentrate on our reading comprehension skills ready for SATs next term.

In Tiger class we are exploring different forms of persuasive texts and why they are used. The children will develop their understanding of different persuasive techniques, intended audience and how opinions can be disguised as facts to persuade the reader. We will continue to develop our grammar, punctuation and spelling in order to improve the quality of our writing.

In Meerkat class we are spending the term studying persuasive texts. We will begin by looking at persuasive language used in adverts and brochures before writing our own school prospectus. We will then move on to debating whether rainforests should be cut down then writing letters to persuade others of our viewpoints.

In Dolphin class we have had lots of fun during Wicked Words Week learning new adjectives and vocabulary. After this, we will study myths, legends and fables where the children will build up to writing their own fables inspired by 'The Hare and the Tortoise'. In Guided English we will continue to focus on group reading, comprehension and will read Alice in Wonderland together as a class.

Maths

In Giraffe class we will firstly be learning how to interpret different types of data, and then we will be learning how to calculate with percentages and finally looking at area and perimeter. We will also continue working on our arithmetic skills in preparation for the SATs.

Tiger class are learning how to measure and calculate the area and perimeter of shapes. We will then move on to working with fractions. It is very important that the children continue to learn their tables in order to handle these topics successfully.

In Meerkat class, we will be spending the term learning about a range of measures. We will start with a unit of work on money, practising how to find change as well as solving a range of problems. We will then move on to practising how to tell the time.

In Dolphin class, the children will be learning statistics where we will input information into tally charts, bar graphs and pictograms. Later in the term the children will cover fractions and measurements (ml/ l and g/kg).

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 termly times tables test where they will aim to meet their targets.

Creative Curriculum

Giraffe class are continuing to learn about the Stone Age, developing our knowledge and understanding of life during this period through research and art.

Tiger class are continuing to learn about the Mayas. We will also investigate earthquakes and what causes them.

In Meerkats we will be continuing with our rainforest topic, with a focus this term on the tribes native to the rainforests as well as deforestation.

Dolphin Class will continue to learn about the Romans! We will learn more about Boudicca, Julius Caesar and Mount Vesuvius.

P.E. days

This term Dolphin class will be swimming on a Monday morning.

Giraffe class have P.E. on a Wednesday and Friday.

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

Meerkat class have P.E. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Dolphin class have P.E. on a Tuesday.

Homework

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

Homework will usually consist of a times tables and a spelling activity. At the start of each seasonal term, the first two weeks' homework will continue to be a research project related to the creative curriculum. It is also expected that children will continue to practise their year groups' times' tables and spellings for the termly test.

Reminders

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

Children also need their own blue pen (no biro's or equivalent please), 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 (if your child is a competent reader, please discuss their book with them). Children need their books in school every day as daily silent reading takes place in the classroom.

Thank you.