

Key Stage 2 Newsletter

General

We would like to welcome all children back after the holiday and hope that everyone had a good rest and is looking forward to an exciting term 6!

English

In Giraffe class we will look at three texts associated with World War Two: The Silver Sword by Ian Serrailier, The Anne Frank Story and War Boy by Michael Foreman. We will be writing in a variety of genres and producing our own autobiographies of our time at Burham School!

In Tiger class we will be exploring characters' motivation and thoughts using implicit and explicit information from a play script. We will also examine the importance of specific characters and moments within the text. Our final task will be to write a new scene for a play using the appropriate conventions.

In Meerkat class we will begin the term with a unit of work on poetry, focusing on the work of Edward Lear. We will be reading and learning some of his poems by heart then we will have a go at writing our own nonsense poems in the style of Edward Lear. Later in the term we will complete a unit of work on play scripts.

In Dolphin class we will begin the term by learning all about play scripts. The children will learn about their features, have some fun acting out different play scripts and then build up to writing their own versions of Little Red Riding Hood. Eventually, children will present their own scripts to the rest of the class.

Maths

In Giraffe class we will be working on multiplication and division strategies, including long division, algebra and will be applying our mathematical knowledge to a variety of investigations. We will concentrate on making hypotheses, explaining reasoning and generalising.

In Tiger class we will be working on percentages, properties and shapes, position and direction and converting between units of measurement. The children will be given opportunities to apply their learning when completing reasoning and problem solving tasks.

Meerkat class will be starting the term with a unit of work on position and direction - learning how to plot co-ordinates and translate shapes on grids. We will spend the rest of the term revising all work from the year, with a focus on applying the skills learnt to solving a range of problems.

In Dolphin class we will focus on 3D shapes and angles, analogue and digital time and fractions during term 6. As usual, we will be doing lots of reasoning and problem solving challenges where Dolphin Class can apply strategies learnt throughout the last 6 terms.

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. Children shall have a termly times tables test where they will aim to meet their current target.

Creative Curriculum

Giraffe class will be learning about World War II. We will look at the causes of the war, the Battle of Britain and Winston Churchill, the Home Front, Anne Frank and VE Day.

Tiger class will continue their work on Ancient China, with a focus on the Great Wall. We will also be looking at various aspects of art and design linked to the topic.

In Meerkat class we will be continuing our study of the 1950s to 1990s with a focus this term on the 1980s and 1990s. We will learn about popular children's toys, famous events, music and dance from these decades.

Dolphin class will be learning all about Australia! We will locate it on a world map, name the different territories and learn about the varied wildlife this beautiful country has. The children will compare the weather, time and seasons to England.

P.E. days

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

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

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

Dolphin class have P.E. on a Monday and 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 new 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.

The amount of homework Year 6 receives will gradually increase over the term to prepare the children for Secondary school.

Reminders

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

Children also need their own blue pen (no biros 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.