

Key Stage 2 Newsletter

General

It's great to see everyone back after lockdown and the holidays. It's also great to see all the enthusiasm and we look forward to all that we will achieve in the new school year.

English

In Giraffe class we will be studying the Victorian novel 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty. We will focus on story-telling and writing in role. We will also be looking at instructional, report and journalistic writing and working hard on our comprehension, grammar and spelling skills.

In Tiger class we will be starting with a unit of work on myths and legends. The children will analyse the importance of different characters and examine the role of the narrator as a story teller. The differences between oral and written story telling will be explored and used to support the children's own writing. We will also be building key skills in grammar, punctuation, comprehension and spelling.

In Meerkat class we will be starting the year with a unit of work on Greek myths. The children will become familiar with a range of myths and will re-tell a myth in their own words. In our SPAG lessons (spelling, punctuation and grammar) we will be revising adverbs, speech punctuation and paragraphs as well as learning about fronted adverbials.

In Dolphin class we are starting the year with a unit on instructional texts where the children will be creating instructions for turning Mrs Hills into a toad, a delicious monster soup, as well as a range of other delicious recipes. After this, we will begin a narrative unit based on fairy tales. The children will focus on Little Red Riding Hood and will build up to writing their own alternative version of this classic tale.

Maths

In Giraffe class we are beginning the year by working on place value where the children will read and write numbers to 10 000 000, order whole numbers and decimals and work with negative numbers in context. We will also be using diagrams to solve problems.

In Tiger class we will start by working on place value. The children will read, write, order and compare numbers to at least 1,000 000 and determine the value of each digit. They will interpret negative numbers in context and solve practical problems to do with the concepts covered.

In Meerkat class we will start the year with a unit of work on place value: reading, ordering and using numbers up to 10,000 as well as learning about Roman numerals and negative numbers. We will then move on to addition and subtraction - perfecting both mental and written methods to solve a range of problems.

In Dolphin class we are starting the year with a two-week unit of work on number and place value where the children will learn to read, order, represent and partition numbers to 1000. We will then spend the next two weeks focusing on addition and subtraction using resources at first then using a formal written method.

For all of Key stage 2 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.

Creative Curriculum

In Giraffe class our topic for the next two terms is the Victorians. We will study Queen Victoria, inventions, the factories and workhouses, crime and punishment, Victorian schools and how the Victorians celebrated Christmas. We have an outing to Kent Life in October to take part in a Victorians Day!

In Tiger class our topic is the Tudors. We will be studying events and life in Tudor times through art and design projects.

In Meerkat class our topic for term 1 is Ancient Greece. The children will learn about life in ancient Greece including gods, myths, the Greek alphabet and how the ancient Greeks changed the world.

In Dolphin Class our topic will be Ancient Egypt up until Christmas. The children will learn about the famous pyramids and how they were made. We will also learn about mummification, death masks and the importance of the River Nile to the Ancient Egyptian people.

P.E. days

Giraffe class have P.E. on Mondays and Fridays.

Tiger class have P.E. lessons on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Meerkat Class have P.E. lessons on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

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

Homework

Homework will be sent out by email or posted on Seesaw on a Monday and will need to be uploaded to Seesaw by 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.

Reminders

All children must wear their P.E. kit to school on their designated PE day.

Children also need to bring in everyday their own blue pen (no biros or equivalent please), pencil, glue stick, ruler, scissors, pencil sharpener, eraser and 12 colouring pencils.

All children need to bring in their own water bottle (no fizzy drinks or juices).

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.