

Key Stage 2 Newsletter

General

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

English

In Giraffe class we are completing our Unit of work on SPOOCS, which revises all the writing genres. We will then 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 also continue to revise word classes, punctuation and Grammar and develop our reading comprehension skills further.

In Tiger class we will be looking at stories from another culture. The children will be provided with exciting models which will enable them to explore how to use pace and suspense to make their writing more interesting.

In Meerkat class we will be looking at stories set in imaginary worlds. The children will enjoy listening to (and watching) a variety of stories and will then be using the key features to plan, re-tell and write their own stories over the next few weeks.

In Dolphin class we are looking at different books from the author Julia Donaldson and looking at the similarities from each other, writing book reviews and their own blurb. Next, the children will be exploring the difference between formal and informal language within letter writing. In addition to this, the children will also be examining well known fables.

Maths

In Giraffe class we are looking at algebra to start with - how to form and use formulas and how to solve equations. We will then look at the ratio and proportion. We will also continue to revise times tables, previous learning and mental arithmetic skills.

In Tiger, class we are looking at fractions and percentages. Next, we will begin to learn how to draw, measure and calculate different types of angles.

Meerkat class started the term by finishing off a unit of work on decimals. We will now be spending the rest of 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 we are beginning the term by revising fractions. We will order, compare and represents fractions in different forms, applying this learning to reasoning and problem solving. After that, we will look at capacity such as identifying measures in l and ml, followed by a unit on Multiplication.

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

In Giraffe Class we are learning about the Stone Age, developing our knowledge and understanding of life during this period through research, outdoor learning and art.

In Tiger class we will be exploring aspects of Ancient Chinese history, geography and art. This includes, examining historical sources and discussing their reliability. We will also create our own versions of dragons and other aspects of Chinese art using various artistic techniques.

In Meerkat class we will be learning about what life was like in Britain during the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s. We will find out all about the music, dances, fashions, famous events, games etc. from these decades.

In Dolphin class we are going to learn all about The Anglo-Saxon reign. We will look at timelines, everyday life, jobs and the legend of Beowulf. We will compare the Anglo-Saxons to The Romans and learn about how they changed Britain.

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 Wednesday and Friday.

Please make sure the children are in appropriate PE kit and in appropriate colours - plain black, burgundy or grey.

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 terms 1, 3 and 5, 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), green pen (this can be a biro), 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.