Term 2 Newsletter

Dolphin class

Hello and welcome to a new academic year!

Important Information!

The Dolphin Team

Miss Hutchings: full-time class teacher.
Mrs Hanscombe: classroom support (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday).
Miss Collier: SEND support.
Coach George – PE: Monday and Tuesday pm

P.E.

PE days for Dolphin class are a Monday and Tuesday. Children need to come to school in their PE kits on these days please.

Reminder: earrings should be removed or taped up for PE.

Times table rockstars

Logins for TT rockstars are stuck into their reading records. This is a great tool to help them to learn their times tables and is also lots of fun! Short bursts of this (say 10 minutes) daily is perfect.
The soundcheck on TT Rockstars is a great way for year 4s to practise for the multiplication check in June next year.

Home Learning

Children will receive spellings and times tables to learn each Friday. They have the week to practise these at home (time also given in school) before their weekly tests the following Friday. They will receive homework folders for these which we ask to be brought in every Friday.

Reading at home

The children are expected to read at least **3 times a week for 15 minutes**.
Reading at home is invaluable and can support with increasing your child's confidence and fluency.





Key Dates for the diary

Monday 9th November – ASSESSMENT WEEK

Friday 13th November – Children in Need (non-school uniform)

Monday 16th November – Anti-bullying week

Wednesday 18th November - Parents' Consultations (Village Hall)

Friday 27th November – Non-school uniform

Monday 30th November – Christmas Decorations up

Friday 4th December – Elf and Safety Day

Tuesday 15th December – Panto trip (Astor Deal)

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas dinner and Christmas Fair (Village Hall)

Friday 18th December – Church Service, 2:15 finish

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Term 2 – Curriculum Map

Maths

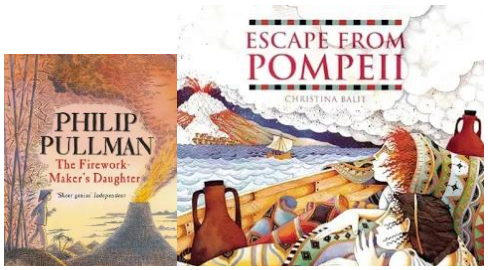
Times Tables to 12

Related Division Facts

Area

English

This term, the children will be learning to write different forms of poems and stories. They will be reading:



Science

Animals including humans: movement and nutrition

Exploring the role of skeletons and muscles, learning how the body uses energy and what constitutes a balanced diet.

R.E

What is the most significant part of the nativity story for Christians today?

This enquiry investigates the significance and symbolism of elements of the Christmas story to Christians today.

Symbolic parts of the Christmas story and their meanings is explored, for example:

- The significance of the stable
- The Angels announcing to the shepherds
- The Magi/wise men and their gifts
- The star
- The Christingle

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Geography

Why do people live near volcanoes?

To name and describe the layers of the Earth

To explain how and where mountains are formed

To explain why volcanoes happen and where they occur

To recognise the positive and negative effects of living near a volcano

To explain what earthquakes are and where they occur

Computing

Unpacking hardware and software

This unit allows children to further their understanding of technology and computer systems in relation to their hardware and software. Children will understand the role of hardware, the role of software and how they interact together to complete tasks.

Art

Gestural drawing with charcoal

This pathway aims to introduce children to the idea of making gestural drawing, exploring charcoal as a medium.

Music

Inspired by India: Musical improvisations

Exploring traditional Indian music and the art of improvisation by using the pentatonic scale and simple musical techniques.

They will also be learning to play the trumpet!

P.E

Hockey

Learning key skills and working as a team.

PSHE/RSE

The online world: how should we communicate online?

Exploring ways people communicate online and understanding the importance of safe and respectful online behaviours.

French

Animals

In this unit pupils will learn 10 familiar animals and be introduced to the 1st person singular high frequency verb 'I am' in the foreign language. They will be able to recognise, recall, remember and spell up to 10 animals with their indefinite article.