



Curriculum News- Term 3 Jan 2020

Caterpillars - Reception

Welcome to the spring term although it doesn't seem much like spring yet. We will be looking around us, noticing the changes in the weather and it's impact on our surroundings. We hope to go out and about exploring our local environment and with our topic of journeys and transport we may go a little further afield. In maths we will be learning to count up to one hundred and making sure we can count confidently back from 10—1. We will be learning to estimate and learning to add one and two to any number up to 20. We will read books about journeys and learning stories that have a repeating pattern. Towards the end of term we will be looking at instructions and information texts. It is an exciting term and one in which the children make great strides. Please keep reading with your children daily—it really makes a difference!



Butterflies- Year 1 and 2

Our Term 3 topic, 'Super Safari', is Geography based. The children will be able to research some countries around the world which have safaris such as Kenya and it's landscapes. Children will be able to identify differences and similarities between the UK and other landscapes. They will explore the world map and be able to locate specific locations describing their key features. Our Science topic is 'Into the Wild' where we will learn about a variety of animals. Children will learn about the environments in which some magnificent animals live. The children will develop a greater understanding of some endangered animals and will explore ways in which people can try and help animals by preserving their natural habitats.

Tuesdays or Wednesdays is PE day so please ensure kits are in school at all times.



Dolphins- Year 3 and 4

In Dolphin class this term we will be studying Ancient Egypt. We will be finding out about where Egypt is and many aspects of Egyptian life. In addition, we will be discovering how the River Nile has a major influence on Egypt and its wealth and power as well as what the Egyptians believed about the afterlife and how they mummified the bodies. In science, we will be studying living things and their habitats, with a focus on contrasting a desert habitat with a different one as well as some of the different ways in which we can classify animals. Our English will be based around the text 'How to Train Your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell. This will provide us with opportunities for writing instructions, diary entry and chronological reports. In maths, we will be covering place value, the four rules – addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, as well as time. Some of our focus will be on problem solving and applying skills. Homework, spellings and tables will be set on Friday. Homework must be handed in by the following Thursday. The spellings and tables tests will be on the following Friday. PE will be on alternate Tuesdays or Wednesdays.



Eagles- Year 5 and 6

In English we will be studying our class novel, The White Giraffe by Lauren St John. We will use this book to explore how authors build tension in narrative writing, which figurative devices can be used in descriptive writing and looking at different forms of poetry. We will, of course, continue with spellings, punctuation, vocabulary and grammar.

In maths, we will focus on decimals and their relationship with percentages and fractions. Additionally, we will be teaching the properties of 2-D shapes and measuring and drawing angles. The term's science topic will be 'Electricity'. We will construct circuits with different components and investigate the factors that affect the brightness of a lamp. Our history and geography topic will be 'The History of Dover'. We will be embarking on a journey from the Iron Age to the present day, visiting Romans, Saxons, Tudors and Victorians on the way! Homework and spellings are set every Friday, with it being due in the following Friday. The weekly spelling test takes place every Friday. We do appreciate all your help in encouraging your children to complete their homework to a good standard and meeting our deadline. Homework Club is available on Thursdays for those children who would benefit. PE will normally be on Tuesdays, but please ensure kit is left in school during the week in case of extra sessions.

