



LKS2 (Years 3 and 4) Newsletter -Autumn 1 2021

Values in September and October: Friendship and Tolerance

It is hard to believe that it is nearly 3 weeks since we all returned to school! It has certainly been a busy time. The children have settled well into their new classes, and enjoyed a more 'normal' school environment with dinner back in the hall, assemblies and playing outside with the whole school. We have also welcomed our new year 5 cohort who are looking forward to moving into their new classrooms very soon!

Spellings teaching has resumed and we appreciate your help in supporting the children to learn their 'Write Words' personalised spelling lists. We would ask that you continue to hear your children read and discuss their understanding with them. This is vital for their progress in KS2. It would also be helpful if you could play times tables games with your children. There are also some excellent online times tables games which can help such as 'Thewallmultiplication' and 'Hit the Button'. By the end of year 4, children are expected to know all their tables and will be tested on them.

Mathematics

This half term we have been getting to grips with learning place value, including understanding the value of each digit, comparing numbers and finding 10, 100 or 1,000 more or less than a given number.

The children will use this knowledge as they learn more about addition and subtraction; using mental strategies to calculate, solving problems involving addition and subtraction and learning how to use formal methods to add and subtract.

English

This half term we have been enjoying 'The Lost Happy Endings' by Carol Ann Duffy. We have written alternative endings to well known fairy tales!

Our poetry unit is called, 'Creating Images'; the children will study and read a wide range of poems before writing some of their own in a similar style.

We will read a variety of stories and develop understanding through oral discussion and written answers to questions raised.

Topic and Science

We began our Topic 'Stone, Bronze and Iron Age' with a morning learning how the Stone Age people communicated, making jewellery and tasting berries and seeds as those people would have been 'hunter-gatherers'. We have learned how to survive in the Stone Age and discovered 'Skara Brae' an ancient Stone Age settlement.

In Science we are studying Electricity; keeping safe, circuits, insulation and conduction and buzzers!

KS2 timetable

Dolphin Class PE: Wednesday and Friday
Orca Class PE: Tuesday and Friday

Reminders.

- Spelling test day: Monday
 - Reading Books are changed on Fridays.
 - Write Word wallets and reading books need to be in their bags every day please.
 - Please only send fruit or vegetables for break time snack.
 - Please ensure your child brings a coat to school on a daily basis.
- We do go out to play in light rain showers!

Stonehenge

