



LKS2 (Years 3 and 4) Newsletter -Autumn 2023

Values this year: Gratitude, Respect, Empathy, Acceptance, Trust

We have enjoyed a good first few days back at school. The children have settled well into their new classes. We are very proud of them, especially in such hot weather!

You may have noticed that our values look a little different. We want to say that we are GREAT (an acronym created from our core values.) Children can earn their values award which will be celebrated in assembly, by demonstrating any value consistently to fill their values postcard. We are sure they will!

Write words will be sent home again during the week beginning 18th September. Next week the children will be tested on their common exception words, numbers, days of the week and months of the year in order to set their individualised words appropriately.

Please continue to support your child (ren) with their reading. The children will bring new reading books home on Fridays. If they need new books during the week they can ask to have another, one at a time. In years 3 and 4 it is **really important** that you not only hear your child read but you discuss the story with them and ask questions about content, motive, actions and vocabulary.

Mathematics

We begin the term teaching the children about number and place value. We will build upon what the children have already learnt in previous years, before moving onto addition and subtraction. The children will learn to add and subtract mentally and be introduced to formal column addition and subtraction.

Before the end of term the children will use these skills in multiplication and division.

English

This half-term, our first story is 'The Lost Happy Endings' by Carol Ann Duffy. This will allow us to study various fairy stories and create alternative endings of our own.

Our Poetry unit is called Creating images which will allow creativity and imagination to take over!

We will then be studying information texts, particularly focussing on Rainforests and the produce they provide.

Finally, the children will turn to acting when we read and perform some scenes from Roald Dahl's play of The Witches!

Science and Foundation

Subjects:

We begin the term studying electricity, making circuits including switches before exploring magnets after half-term.

History and Geography

In history we are learning about the Stone, Bronze and Iron Age, understanding how artefacts found from the past give us clues about how the people lived then. In Geography we will explore the world of Rainforests, thinking about the different layers and the animals and plants which live there.

LKS2 timetable

Dolphin Class PE:	Tuesday and Thursday
Orca Class PE:	Tuesday and Wednesday
Sea Lion Class PE:	Thursday and Friday

- Reading books must be brought into school every day
- Please ensure your child brings in a named water bottle every day, along with a healthy snack for break time.
- Please ensure your child brings a coat to school on a daily basis. We do go out to play in light rain showers!

