



LKS2 (Years 3 and 4) Newsletter -Spring 2024

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

We hope you all enjoyed a lovely festive time with your families. That all seems a dim and distant memory now!

On Monday 18th January, we are looking forward to our Roman Wow day. Your child can come dressed as a Roman or if they prefer, bring in an artefact from the Roman times. Accompanying plastic swords, helmets or shields can also be worn but will not be allowed out at play breaks.

The Spring term is a little shorter but we still have much to teach and learn. It will really help your child if you could hear them read regularly and support them with their times tables and spellings.

Happy New Year!

Mathematics

We begin the term on the second block of multiplication and division. Many children are struggling because they are not confident with their times tables. Year 3 need to concentrate on the 3, 4 and 8 times tables, while Year 4 need to know them all up to 12×12 .

Following this, we will be learning to measure length and perimeter before moving on to fractions. Year 4 then move on to decimals while Year 3 tackle mass and capacity.

English

This term we are using the book 'The Day I Swapped my Dad for Two Goldfish!' to teach role-play, narrative writing, spelling, punctuation, grammar and reading for inference.

Our poetry unit is called, 'Traditional Poems', and we will be using some poems written by Robert Louis Stevenson to inspire our poetry writing.

This will be followed by a fiction unit based on 'Pinocchio' adapted by Michael Morpurgo. Using traditional stories enables the children to become familiar with sentence structure and vocabulary used in story writing.

We end the term on a unit based on the fantastic non-fiction book, 'Wild Lives'.

Science and Foundation Subjects:

We begin the term studying Animals, including humans followed by Living Things and their Habitats.

In History we are studying the Romans; how and why they settled in Britain and their influence on our world.

Our Art lessons involve pre-historic paintings which link to the learning from our History topic in Autumn 1. This will be followed by another exciting D&T project involving electrical systems, which again links back to our previous science learning on electricity.

In Spring 2, our Geography project is, 'Where does our food come from', using their knowledge of the different biomes, location of countries and trading questions.

LKS2 timetable

Dolphin Class PE: Tuesday and Thursday

Orca Class PE: Tuesday and Friday

Sea Lion Class PE: Tuesday and Wednesday

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, vegetables, breadsticks or rice cakes for break time snack.