



Happy New Year and welcome back!

Everyone in the LKS2 team would like to thank all parents and carers for their cards, presents and well wishes before the Christmas holiday and we hope you had a wonderful break. We are very much looking forward to the new term and it has been great to see the children return with smiles on their faces and hear what they have been up to!

Learning Challenge Curriculum

'The Tales we Tell' is our theme for this half term and as part of this in our learning challenge we will be learning about Animal Tales. Our main focus will be driven through the subject of science and be on living things and their habitats and through our literacy and science we will learn to recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways. We will be exploring classification keys and looking into endangered animals. After half term, we will be launching into our theme 'A moment in time' where we will explore the Stone Age. We also have an exciting STEM week planned where we will be exploring 'connections'.



Literacy

Linking with our learning in the learning challenge curriculum, in literacy we will be researching endangered animals; The Javan Rhino and The Frog. Once we have found out about why they are endangered and why we can help, we will structure our findings as a one-sided persuasive argument to convince our audience to help 'save' these animals. The children will then present their written work in the format of a leaflet. Some will be shared with the RSPB. After half term, we will be looking into the features of newspaper articles and having a go at writing our own!



Maths

Year 3 - In maths, this term we will focus on addition and subtraction of 2 and 3 digit numbers and the different methods we can use to solve calculations mentally. Children will learn about the commutative property of addition and its relationship with subtraction which allows for inverse calculations.



Year 4 - In maths, we will focus on multiplication and division before starting our hard work on fractions.

PSHE

In PSHE this term, we will learn about shared responsibility and what makes a community. Children will have an opportunity to get out into the local community to look at and learn about the demographics of our community and what living in a community means as well as the value of the different contributions that different people and groups make to a community. Through drama activities, children will explore what it means to be compassionate and how they can show and care and concern for others. We will then move on to looking at making decisions about money.

Attendance

Please make sure your child is in school and ready to learn at 8.50am every day. Please try to avoid medical/dental appointments during the school day, and avoid taking holidays in term time as the children miss a lot of learning. If your child is unwell, please ring school on 01904 806655 before 9am and let us know. We will text you if we haven't heard from you by 9.30am to check your child is ok.



How can you support your child's learning?

Hearing your child reading every day will have a huge impact on all areas of their learning. Can you please listen to your child read for at least 15 minutes three times a week and make a note in your reading journal. Reading journals will be checked on a Friday and house points will be awarded for children reading at least three times a week. A spelling list will be sent home on a Friday with 5 words to learn. Children will have a spelling test the following Friday on the words they have learnt. It is possible to access Times Table Rockstars and regular use of this has been shown to improve the speed of retrieving these important number facts. Additionally Bug Club online will support your child with their reading fluency and comprehension skills. Each child has their own login which we use daily in school.



Things to remember each week - PE Days

Stingrays - Monday and Thursday
Pufferfish - Monday and Thursday

Lobster - Thursday and swimming on a Thursday

