



Year 4 Zebras Newsletter – Spring 1

Welcome

Welcome to Zebras Class. We hope you had a lovely Christmas and a restful break. We are now moving into Spring term where there will be lots of exciting things for the children to learn about. We hope you are looking forward to an exciting half term! Below is a summary of the learning we will be doing.

Reading

We are continuing to develop our reading for pleasure but exploring different texts and books. We will be sharing these with each other in pairs as well as reading together as a whole class.



Our class novels for this half term are:

- Charlotte's web
- The Poetry Chest
- Witches

We will be focussing on comprehension skills in a weekly reading lesson where we will be looking at different extracts and discussing/answering different types of questions.

Writing

In writing this term, we will be focussing on the text The Iron Man. We will be looking at how a story opener in the style of Ted Hughes. As well as this, the children will be exploring different types such as monologues and narrative poems.



Towards the end of the term, we will be moving our focus to an animation called 'Invasions' where we will be exploring higher level vocabulary and identifying how to plan and write a non-chronological report.

Maths

In maths this term the students will be looking at more multiplication and division before taking a deep dive into length and perimeter. They will look at rectilinear shapes and how to Measure them with accuracy. This will be followed by fractions where the students will look into the tricky topic of mixed numbers and improper fractions.

Science

The children will take on the states of matter by deep diving into solids, liquids and gases. This will include looking at condensation and evaporation and the water cycle and how temperature affects it.



Computing

In computing this term the children will be learning how to write for different audiences. This will include font styles, using a simulated scenario to produce a news report and communication campaign.



Art

In this term, we will be exploring how to create different textures and prints using paint. We will be looking at techniques such as; dabbing, stippling, pointillism and washes. We will look at different colours and investigating how to make them lighter and darker.



History

In history this term, children will develop an understanding of why people invaded and settled. They will learn about Anglo-Saxon beliefs and assess their contribution to modern Britain.

Music

In music this term, our focus will be on a song called 'Stop!'. During this unit, the children will be listening and appraising different songs and comparing them to our main song. Children will practice and perform the song.



PE

Our PE days this half term are Tuesday and Friday. Tuesday will be swimming still and Friday will be an outside session. We will be learning to play hockey.



PSHE

Our PSHE units are called Coming Home on Time and Jealousy. We will learn about responsibilities of time keeping when coming home and also ways to help manage jealousy.



Spanish

In Spanish this term the students will be looking into the story of Goldilocks and the three bears. They will look to retain vocabulary and be able to recite the story using vocabulary cards.

RE

Our RE unit is called 'Is Easter a festival of new life or sacrifice?' We will learn about lent and how people prepare for it, Palm Sunday and the importance of The Last Supper.

Enrichment



Homework Project

- Make an advert persuading other to come and settle in Britain (similar to the Anglo-Saxons).
- Create a Sutton-hoo mask.





Skills Builder

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities



Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude.



Class information

Class Teacher: Mrs Ashcroft and Mrs McKinnon

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Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan.

We request that all children bring a named water bottle to school every day and when the weather is warmer a sun hat and sun cream.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.

Dates for the diary!



Spring 1

Thursday 4th January – School reopens to pupils.

Thursday 1st February – Whole School Panto – Cinderella

W/B 5th February – Parents' Open Sessions (Maths) – days and timings tbc

Friday 16th February – school closes for Half Term





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Spring 2

Monday 26th February – school reopens to pupils.

Tuesday 5th March - Parents evening 3.30pm – 6pm

Wednesday 6th March- Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6pm

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day

Friday 15th March – Red Nose Day – tbc

Thursday 28th March – school closes for Easter

