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Year 2 Newsletter – Autumn 2

Terrific Tiger Lilies



Talented Tulips



Welcome

Welcome back! We hope you had a restful break. This term promises to be full of exciting learning opportunities, along with plenty of singing and dancing as we prepare for our magical Christmas play.

Phonics and Reading

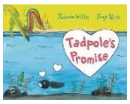


Daily phonics revision will continue this term as this will support word reading and writing skills. We will continue having daily opportunities to read independently and for children to read with an adult. We want children to have read their book a minimum of 3 times each week. This is to support with fluency. Books can be changed every Monday.

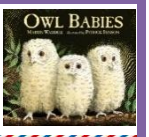
Please ensure children have their book and diary in school every day so that we can easily check and change books as needed.

Year 2 will also engage with reading lessons, which consist of exploring a book, unpicking vocabulary, retrieval skills and inference. Some book titles include Green Lizards vs Red Rectangles by Steve Anthony, Dear Greenpeace by Simon James and The Christmasaurus by Tom Fletcher.

Writing



In writing, we will begin by reading Tadpoles Promise by Jeanne Willis & Tony Ross to support us in writing a narrative. Next, we will read Owl Babies by Martin Waddell, which will inspire us to write a non-chronological report. Finally, we will end the term by reading Paddington's Post by Michael Bond. From this we will write our own letter.





The focus will remain on ensuring children can write a series of secure sentences, which are punctuated accurately and make sense. Daily handwriting will ensure letters are formed accurately and consistent in size.

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Maths



This half term we will be continuing to look at addition and subtraction. We will continue to develop our fluency and confidence by adding and subtracting numbers within and beyond 10. Children will use a range of practical resources, pictorial representations and written methods to deepen their understanding of number. We will also be revisiting and strengthening our knowledge of number bonds to 100, helping children to improve their mental maths skills and apply their learning when solving a variety of reasoning and problem-solving challenges.

Later in the half term, we will move on to money, where children will learn to recognise and use pounds and pence, count different amounts, compare values, and solve a range of real-life problems involving money. This will help them develop important mathematical skills that can be applied in everyday situations.

Science



In science we will learn about microhabitats and the minibeasts that live within them. They will sort and classify minibeasts, ask scientific questions, and gather information through observations and investigations. The children will explore how different habitats provide the food, water and shelter living things need to survive, including investigating whether woodlice prefer damp or dry conditions. They will also carry out a fair test, record their findings, and identify a variety of flowering plants by observing their features.

Computing



In computing, the children will learn how computers follow precise instructions called algorithms. They will use direction commands and distances to create routes, write sequences of instructions, and build longer algorithms.
Please support your children in gaining familiarity with a keyboard and their typing skills.

Design and Technology



In Design and Technology, we will be exploring structures by investigating Baby Bear's Chair. Children will learn about stability and discover why some structures are stronger and more stable than others. They will explore how the shape of a structure affects its strength before designing and making their own chair to hold a teddy bear. Finally, they will test and evaluate their finished structures, considering their strength, stiffness and stability, and suggest ways they could improve their designs.

Geography



In Geography, we will be exploring whether we would prefer to live in a hot or a cold place. Children will learn about the seven continents of the world and locate the North Pole, South Pole and Equator on a map. We will investigate how location affects climate and weather, before focusing on Kenya, a country in Africa that lies on the Equator. Children will compare the human and physical features of Kenya with those of the UK.

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Music



In Music, we will be spending our lessons singing, dancing and acting as we prepare for our Christmas performance. Children will learn and practise a variety of songs, develop their performance skills and work together to create an amazing show!

PE



This term, PE will consist of Parkour (on Wednesday) and Fitness (on Thursday).
In Parkour, children will explore moving safely around, under, over and through equipment, which will support their growth in agility, balance and coordination.
In Fitness, children will develop their fitness by improving their stamina, strength, agility, balance and coordination through a range of activities including running, skipping, jumping and changing direction safely, learning how control, timing and technique help them perform movements effectively.

Please ensure children are in PE kits on these days and this is the correct uniform. Earrings must be removed either before school or by the child in school. Adults are not allowed to help with this.



PSHE

In PSHE, we will be learning about valuing differences and celebrating what makes each of us unique. Children will explore what families are, what makes them who they are and how people can be the same and different. We will also discuss how to work well with others and understand the importance of showing kindness.

RE



In RE, we will learn about Jewish family life and celebrations. Children will explore the importance of Shabbat and rest, learn about the Havdalah ceremony and hear the story of Purim. We will also discover how Jewish families celebrate special occasions and learn about the mezuzah and the importance it has in many Jewish homes.

Homework



Your children will receive weekly homework that will revisit learning that is familiar to them. This may include:

- Spelling, which also includes Spellingframe https://spellingframe.co.uk/
- Writing
- Maths
- Reading activities, which also includes regular reading
- Or another area of the curriculum

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Your children will receive this homework within an orange folder and can be returned any day up until the Thursday for it to be marked. New homework will be handed out on Friday.







Rewards

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

CLASS dojo

Class information

Terrific Tiger Lilies
Class Teacher: Mrs McMahon
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Supported by: Mrs Dack

Talented Tulips
Class Teacher: Mrs Gregory
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Supported by: Miss Briglin

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

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Dates for the diary!



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Monday 2nd November - School reopens for pupils
Tuesday 3rd November – 2027 Reception Intake Tour - 4pm
Thursday 5th November - Book & Biscuit session - 2.40pm - KS1
W/B Monday 9th November – Y2 PiXL Week
W/B Monday 9th November – Y6 PiXL Week
Wednesday 11th November - Remembrance Day
Friday 13th November - Children in Need Day (Mufti-Day)
W/B Monday 16th November - Anti-Bullying Week
W/B Monday 16th November – Road Safety Week
Monday 16th November - Odd Socks Day
W/B Monday 23rd November – UK Parliament Week
Wednesday 2nd December - Wednesday 9th December - Book Fair
Thursday 3rd December – Pupil Leadership Team visit to Houses of Parliament
Monday 7th December - KS1 Christmas Performance - 2pm
Tuesday 8th December –– Choir and Instrumental Recitals (Gillian Farmer) 9.15am &
Y4 Ukelele Concert – 2.30pm
Wednesday 9th December – KS1 Christmas Performance – 9.15am
Wednesday 9th December – Reception Christmas Performance – 2pm
Thursday 10th December – Reception Christmas Performance – 9.15am
Thursday 10th December – Christmas Dinner Day/ Christmas Jumper
Thursday 10th December – Christmas Fayre / Father Christmas - 3.15pm
Friday 11th December – Nursery Christmas Sing-Along – 9:15am and party day (am & pm)
Monday 14th December – Rock Steady Concert – 2pm
Tuesday 15th December LKS2 (Y3&4) Christmas Concert – 2pm
Wednesday 16th December – UKS2 (Y5&6) Christmas Concert - 2pm
Friday 18th December – House Assembly
Friday 18th December - School closes to pupils for Christmas

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