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Whales Class Autumn 1 Newsletter

A huge welcome back to all parents and children, we hope you all had a lovely summer break. This year, Whales consists of Year 3 and 4 children.

There have been some changes so I have included updates in this letter for your information and also what learning we will be covering this half term.

Staffing in Whales class

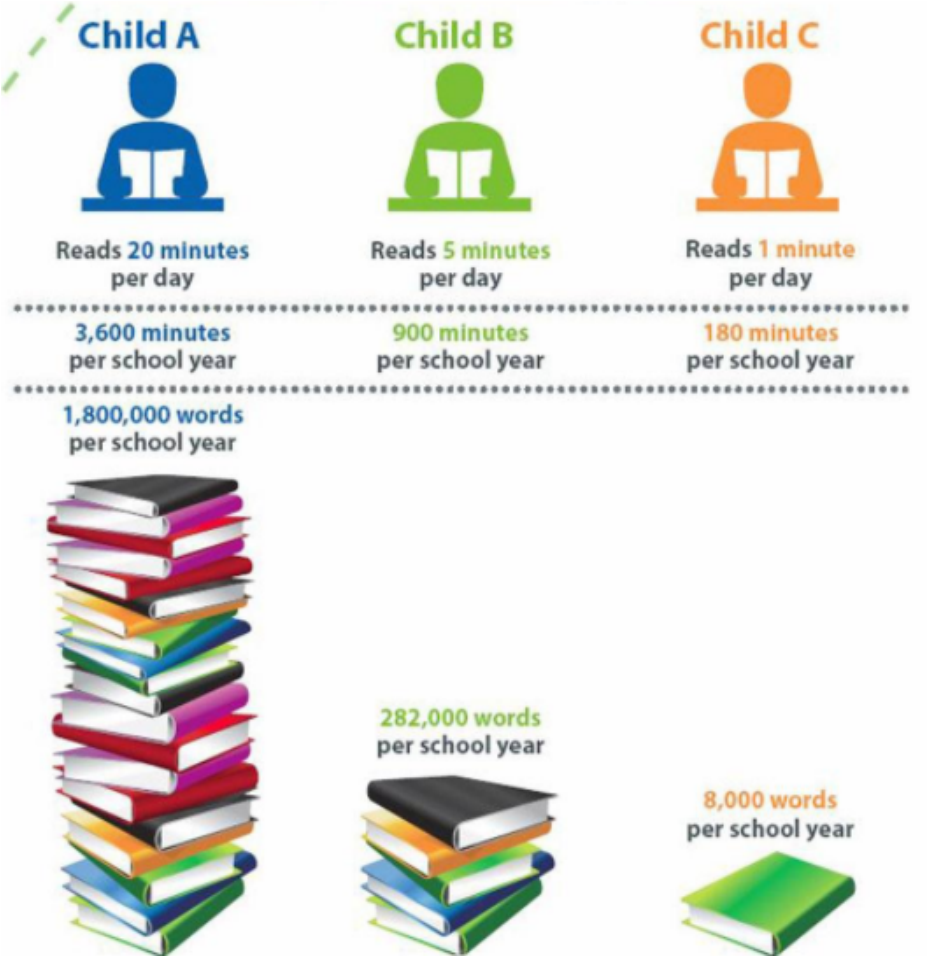
- Mrs Hunter will teach the class everyday, Mrs Cairns will teach the class on a Friday afternoon
- Mrs Billman will support the class Monday - Wednesday mornings
- Mr Hands will support the class on a Thursday and Friday

Homework:

We will continue with our skills based tasks. Again, the children can earn a Bronze certificate for completing 5 challenges, Silver certificate for completing 10 challenges and a Gold certificate for completing 15 challenges. Please continue to use Ed Shed, Times Table Rockstars and Numbots regularly. All children have a login for this, please ask if you need the passwords.

Times Tables - Please ensure these are practised regularly. Here is a reminder of the expectations for the end of the academic year, for each year group:
Year 2 - Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables.
Year 3 - In addition to the Year 2 expectations, children need to recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables.
Year 4 - Recall and use multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to 12x12.

'Responsible Readers' - Children will read independently for 10 minutes daily at school. I ask that this is matched at home so children read for at least another 10 minutes; including reading for pleasure, whether that is by themself, to their parents or even to their pet / teddy! I have included more about this below, which outlines the impact 20 minutes daily reading has on your child's education.



Other Information:

- On PE days, children must come to school in their PE kits(please see the newsletter regarding this - it must still be school PE kit) - they will wear this all day so please ensure they still have a jumper and a coat. **Our PE Day is: Tuesday.**
- **Swimming -** please come to school in school uniform - see additional letter (to follow) regarding what else is needed on a swimming day.
- ALL children will need a **water bottle (no squash or juice) /coat/raincoat** in school everyday. These will be kept at their table places.
- Ensure an additional **fruit snack** is provided for morning snack time.
- Children should bring in their **reading books and reading logs every day.** We have quiet reading sessions daily, so it's important for them to have their books/logs ready, as they also like to record when they have read!
- No toys/pencil cases/fiddles etc should be bought in from home.
- **Welly Days** will continue to be on a Friday, please ensure your child comes to school in school uniform and brings an additional bag with clothing they can get wet/muddy, waterproof trousers(school can provide these), waterproof jacket/coat and suitable footwear - wellies/boots.

Below is a summary of our learning for this half-term.

English

This half-term, our English will be based on a narrative - The true story of the three little pigs - we will write our own traditional tale with a twist.

We will also be reading 'Gut garden.' We will write our own explanation text using this book .

Mathematics

This half- term, we cover place value and addition and subtraction. Children will continue with their daily Fluent in Five.

Vocabulary:tens, ones, hundreds, thousands, place value chart, part whole model, compare, represent

History

We will learn about the daily lives of many ancient Egyptian people. They will understand and explain the ritual of mummification.

Vocabulary: Afterlife, Ancient, Archaeology, Civilization.

Geography

This half-term we will be focusing on the River Nile. We will learn to locate Egypt on a map and then find out about the features of The River Nile and describe its importance.

Vocabulary: Delta, Desert, Dhows, Dam, Felucca, Fertile, Floods, Irrigation,Karnak,Luxor,Mediterranean, Nile,

Science

We are learning that animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition and identify and explain the main functions of a skeleton and why we need muscles.

Vocabulary: Nutrition, Vitamins, Minerals, Fat, Protein, carbohydrates,fibre, protection, movement, contract, relax.

Book Hooks:



Design & Technology

This half-term, children will be exploring levers in everyday objects and learning the vocabulary associated, we will research Shadufs and develop designs in sketchbooks.

Vocabulary :Lever, Fulcrum, counterweight, effort, load, purpose, design, construct, test.

Computing

We will be recapping how to use Google Classroom, we will learn how to organise and use our own Drives.

Vocabulary :create, retrieve, edit, share, organise, versions, tools, tables, drawings, files, folders, programs, software,

Music

Music will be taught by a county music teacher, and their lessons will continue to be based around the ukulele.

RHSE/PSE

We will look at 'New Beginnings' and My Feelings this term. Children will learn how to recognise their worth as individuals and how to face new challenges positively.

Art

We will be Studying canopic jars; shape, form, patterns. Then using this analysis to design and create our own jars.

Vocabulary:symbolism, afterlife, canopic, shape, form, pattern.

Physical Education

This half term, we will be swimming and completing a session from Real PE.

French

We will learn numbers 10-20 and give information about themselves.

Vocabulary: Je m'appelle..., où habites-tu?, j'ai dix ans, comment tu t'appelles?, je suis français, quel âge as-tu? J'habite à Norfolk.

Religious Education

This half-term, children will have an introductory look at the difference between knowledge, belief and opinion.

Exploring the question:

Where do Christian religious beliefs come from?

Vocabulary: Authority, Bible, Commandments, Incarnation, Reformation,Sacrifice,Testament.