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Whales Class Spring 1 Newsletter

Welcome back after the Christmas holiday - I do hope you had a great festive time! Overleaf is an outline of what lies ahead for Whales class over the coming weeks.

Staffing in Whales class

- Mrs Hunter will teach the class everyday, Mrs Cairns will teach the class on a Friday morning
- We welcome back Mrs Fleming, who will support the class every morning.

Homework:

'Responsible Readers' - It is important that children read for at least 10 minutes daily at home; they can read independently or to an adult but this needs to be logged in their reading logs; please ensure the comments section is also completed.

Times Tables - It is also expected that at least 3 times weekly the children will practise their times tables. It is crucial that the children develop confidence in their times table knowledge as it underpins much of the learning throughout their time at school. The children have logins to https://ttrockstars.com/ and https://play.numbots.com/ The children are also used to using https://www.timestables.co.uk/ - they can save any diplomas they earn. *Please ask if you need their logins to use at home.*

Here is a reminder of the expectations for the end of the academic year, for each year group:
Year 3 - children need to recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables.
Year 4 - Recall and use multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to 12x12.

Other Information:

- On PE days, children must come to school in their PE kits (it MUST 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 and bring PE kits. We will continue swimming this half term - *please see separate letter regarding dates.*
- ALL children will need a **water bottle (no squash or juice) /coat/raincoat** in school everyday. These will be kept at their table places.
- Please 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 a long sleeved top and clothing they can get wet/muddy, waterproof trousers(school can provide these), waterproof jacket/coat and suitable footwear - wellies/boots.

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

English

This half-term, our English will be based on 'Earth Shattering Events'. Children will write a non chronological report.

Mathematics

This half- term, we will cover algebra, geometry, addition and subtraction.

Vocabulary: value, equivalent, length, perimeter, cm, mm.

History

We look at the destruction of Pompeii by the eruption of Mt Vesuvius, analysing eyewitness accounts and investigating the archaeology of the site.

Vocabulary: District, forum, senators, plaster casts, excavate

Art

We will be looking at drawing this half- term and practising our mark-making techniques, inspired by the work of Van Gogh.

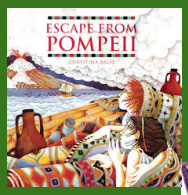
Vocabulary: Mark, tone, hatching, blending, overwork, wash

Science

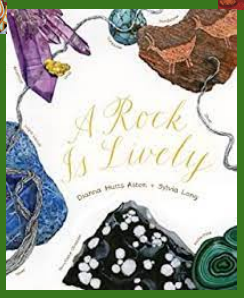
This half-term, children will be looking at Rocks. We will begin by reading the wonderful 'A rock is lively'. We will be observing, comparing and grouping rocks according to their properties, as well as learning about the 3 main types of rock: igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary.

Vocabulary:Igneous, Sedimentary and Metamorphic. Permeable Non-permeable High density Low density Durable Non-durable

Book Hooks:







Design & Technology

This term, children will be investigating pneumatic systems and designing their own.

Vocabulary: Pneumatic, inflatable, pressure, force, syringe.

Computing

We will be continuing our online coding lessons where children will create programs with sequencing, loops, and events.

Vocabulary: cyberbullying, online, password, protect, secure, algorithm, bug, debugging, program, sequencing

Music

Unit: Three Little Birds
Style: Reggae

Vocabulary: backing vocals, hook, riff, melody, Reggae, pentatonic scale, imagination, Disco.

RHSE/PSE

Children will be identifying and understanding the social skills of friendship, working well together in a group, managing anger and resolving conflict

Geography

This half-term we will be focusing on volcanoes! We will discover how plate tectonics governs their formation, how they erupt, and the advantages and disadvantages of living in volcanic areas. We'll be using lots of high-quality non-fiction texts to inspire our work, such as 'Under Earth, Under Water'.

Vocabulary: Volcano, Active volcano Crater Dormant volcano Eruption, Extinct volcano Lava, Magma, Plate boundary Tectonic plate

Physical Education

This half term, we will be completing a dance unit and continue our sessions from Real PE.

French

Children will learn about Ancient Britain, learning Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age vocabulary.

Vocabulary: une hache - an axe Je suis...I am ; l'âge de la pierre-Stone Age; J'ai...I have l'âge du bronze, un silex - a flint une cabane - a hut

Religious Education

This half-term, children will continue to explore the question:

What does it mean to belong to the Muslim community?

Vocabulary: Islam, Muslim, Allah, Qur'an, Five Pillars, Ummah, Salat prayer, prayer beads and mat