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Whales Class Spring 2 Newsletter

Welcome back after half-term - I hope the children had a well-deserved rest! 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
- Mrs Fleming 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 - Please ensure PE kit adheres to **school uniform policy** (black/dark blue bottoms and jumper, white t-shirt - ie no brightly coloured clothing) 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 swimming kits. *A text will be sent confirming the 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 you order any school lunches on the Pupil Asset app ahead of time.

- Packed lunches must not contain sweets/chocolate bars. Any morning snacks sent into school must be healthy (no crisps etc).
- 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.

Term dates:
Start of Spring 2 term: Monday 21st Feb
World Book Day: Thurs 3rd March
Last day of Spring 2 term: Friday 1st April
Back to school for Summer 1 term: Weds 20th April



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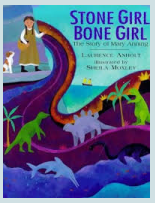
Below is a summary of our learning for this half-term:

English

This half-term, we will be reading 'Wolves in the Walls' and writing our own narratives to create suspense.



Book Talk



Mathematics

This half- term, we will begin by revisiting multiplication, division and proportionality, and then moving on to statistics.

History

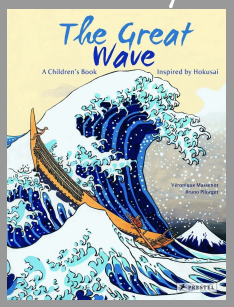
We will be exploring the life and achievements of Mary Anning, and the significant role she played in British scientific history.

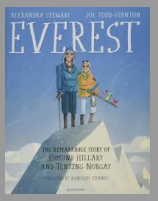
Key vocab: Palaeontology, evolution, extinct, contribution

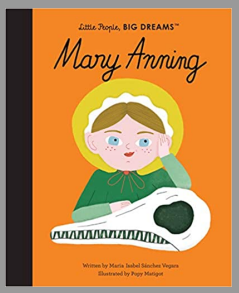
Physical Education

The children will complete one session of REAL PE and also a swimming session each week.

Story Focus:







Art

We will be looking at the techniques of Japanese artist Hokusai as we prepare for our final pen and ink drawings.

Key vocab:Mark, tone, hatching, blending, overwork, wash

Design & Technology

This half-term, children will continue to explore pneumatic systems they will design and build a working model of a volcano.

Key vocab: Pneumatic, inflatable, pressure, force, syringe.

Geography

This half-term we will begin by learning about mountainous regions, and explore the summiting of Mt Everest by reading 'Everest: the Remarkable Story of Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay'. We will then move on to the study of earthquakes and what can be done to detect and minimise the damage caused.

Key vocab: summit, altitude, crevasse, erosion, Richter scale, epicentre, seismic waves

French

We will start the unit La Famille and introduce the nouns in French for family members.

Key vocab: mère, soeur, tante, père, oncle, frère, grands-parents, il s'appelle, elle, j'ai un frère, j'ai une soeur, mon, ma, mes, parents.

Religious Education

This half-term, children will be exploring philosophy and considering the questions: What is truth? Is seeing believing?

Key vocab: axiom, fallacy, miracle, belief, faith, deceive

Science

This half-term, children will be investigating fossils and soils. We will investigate soils, their composition and why they're important. We will be thinking about what fossils can tell us about our Earth.

Key vocab: erosion, mould, cast, trace, organic, inorganic

Computing

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

Key vocab: Algorithm, programme, debugging, code blocks, sequence, loops, loop, conditional

Music

Unit: The Dragon Song

Style: Songs from around the world

Vocabulary: Structure, intro/introduction, verse, chorus, improvise,