

YEAR 2

Giraffes



NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2023



A warm welcome back everyone! We are hope that you have had a fantastic break and you are now ready for another exciting learning adventure for **the final half-term! Yes the final half-term!** Can you believe it?!

It has been an absolute pleasure to teach the Giraffes and be a part of their learning journey. We are very proud of watching them grow and achieve so much over the course of the year. Let's get on and make this the best term of them all!

Specialist Week

Prior to the half term break, the whole school took part in the specialist week which focused on 'Challenges'. The week was an amazing experience for everyone, as we had the opportunity to take part in so many fun filled activities and really test ourselves physically and mentally.

It was great to see the enthusiasm, motivation and resilience demonstrated by all the pupils throughout the week. As you can imagine it was very difficult to choose just two children as the stars for 'Challenge week', as everyone deserved it. However, we would like to say a big congratulations to:

Ayman and Faith



We have also enjoyed making our yummy chocolate covered apples and selling them at the Summer Fayre - we do hope the children enjoyed the naughty but semi-healthy treat!!



Wriggle and Crawl

We will continue with our fantastic topic 'Wriggle and Crawl', so we will be gaining more knowledge and understanding about minibeasts, their habitats and what they need to survive. In **English** we will continue to read stories, information books and recite poems about minibeasts; we will write minibeast stories, poems, instructions, letters and a film review.

In **Maths**, we will continue to consolidate our knowledge about telling the time to 5-minute intervals and fractions, then we will be focusing on volume and solving more word problems involving the four mathematical operations.

In **Science**, we will consolidate our learning about animals including humans and we will be using our observations and ideas to answer a variety of questions. We will also be learning about the life cycle of a bee, camouflage and warning colours.

In **Geography** we will continue with fieldwork and we will be exploring the land purposes. We will also describe ways to improve the local environment.

In **Art & Design / Design and Technology** we will continue to use a range of art techniques to draw delicate sketches of minibeasts and show texture, form, shape, colour, patterns and space.

We will also use clay, plasticine or salt dough to make 3D models of minibeasts.

How can you help your child?

- Listen to them read each day.
- Ask them questions about what they have read.
- Encourage them to practise their spellings every day.
- Support them in completing their homework.
- If your child is unsure about how to complete a piece of homework, then encourage them to speak to an adult at school before it is due in.
- Go to your local library to find books about their current topic.
- Send your child to school in their PE kit on our PE days.
- Cover earrings or remove earrings before arriving to school on PE days.
- Provide a named water bottle for them to use in class.

Weekly routines

- PE is on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays**.
- Spellings will be sent home on **Fridays** and the children will be tested on the following **Friday**.
- Homework is set on a **Thursday** and is due in by the following **Tuesday**.

Key Dates

Tuesday 27th June: Our trip to Hamerton Zoo Park

Friday 21st July: Final day of the summer term

Finally,

We would like to say a huge 'Thank you' to all the parents and carers for continuing to support us throughout our journey as Giraffes. It has been a pleasure to work together and achieve amazing things!

Kind Regards,

Mrs Obhi, Miss Golightly and Mrs Kidd