

Year 2

NEWSLETTER SPRING 2, 2024



Giraffes

We stick our necks out and have a go!



WELCOME BACK

A warm welcome to the second half of our spring term. We hope you had a relaxing half term break doing enjoyable things with your family and friends. You certainly deserved it as you have been working so hard! So, well done, Giraffes! Keep up the good work!

I would like to say a big 'Thank you' to all the parents, carers and children who attended the Parent's Evenings. It was great to have a chat with you about the wonderful things your children have achieved so far.

Prior to the half term break, the whole school took part in the Specialist 'Diversity' Week, focusing on our differences, learning about each other's cultures, languages and religions. The week was a wonderful experience for everyone, as we had the opportunity to learn and understand why it important to be inclusive no matter what colour we are, disability we may have or faith we believe in. It was amazing to learn more about one another and I was extremely proud of how attentively Giraffes listened and showed respect to everyone, but most of all see each other as one. There were of course some fun activities, such as the colour run and food tasting too. We hope that you were also able to do some of the suggested activities at home together and enjoyed as much as we did.



It was lovely to see the enthusiasm on the children's faces being back at school. The PJ Day was a huge success and a very comfortable one for us all too, so thank you for making it happen.

We will be continuing with our fantastic topic by writing our own information books called 'ships of the time'. Although it is an even shorter half term there are so many different things we have planned to do like learning about seas and oceans around the continents and locating RNLI stations using atlases, google earth and other sources. We also have Easter fun planned as well as designing and making our own ships.

In Maths, our focus is 2D and 3D shapes and an introduction to fractions, whilst in English, we will be using our research skills to find out information to find out how ships have changed over time and what they have and are used for.

In science we will continue to learn a little more about materials by choosing and using the right ones to design and make a floating ship and one that is waterproof. We will then be moving on to learn about plants, how well they grow in different conditions, and we may well grow our own too! We are excited to learn how to observe and draw boats/ships using pencil, paint and charcoal in our Art and Design lessons too.

In Music we are continuing to listen with concentration and understanding to a range of high-quality live and recorded music and we will create and perform our own chanted rhythm patterns and sea shanties.

Weekly routines:



- PE is on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays - children should come to school wearing their PE kit and earrings removed or covered with tape please.
- 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.
- The weekly library slot will be every Wednesday.
- Any other reading book that needs changing is encouraged to be done as and when needed. Giraffes should have the responsibility of letting Mrs. Kidd know daily.

Dates for your diary:

- World Book Day – Thursday 7th March 2024
- Mother's Day Assembly – Friday 8th March 2024 (details to follow)
- Mother's Day – Sunday 10th March 2024
- Year 2 Trip to Safety Centre – Monday 18th March 2024
- End of Spring Term – Thursday 28th March 2024

Request please:

As part of our science and Easter projects, please can you save strong boxes/cardboard, plastic milk bottles (washed out please) and clean tins but only those that do not have an exposed sharp edge.

Thank you for your continued support.

We are so proud of all the pupils, their hard work and commitment so far.

Wishing you and your families good health and happiness.

Mrs. Obhi and the Year 2 Team