



YEAR 2

Giraffes



NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2023

Autumn 2

It's getting colder, wetter and darker! We hope you have had a great half term break! Giraffes have settled into the school so well and seem very confident in their learning and have become confident with their daily routines. Thank you to all who attended the parents evening meetings, it was great to meet you all. I hope you are very proud of your children! The final week was an amazing way for everyone to end the first half term, we all thoroughly enjoyed the 'Book Week' activities and experiences!



Beachcombers

This half term we will continue with our topic but will investigate the history of coastal areas and how beachcombers came about. We will learn about sea explorers from the past, including Christopher Columbus and Sir Francis Drake. In addition to this we will also be starting preparations for Christmas!!!

English

In English we will be using a new and exciting text called 'Traction Man'. An adventurous story that will inspire and stimulate ideas to help your children write interestingly. We will also use a story called 'A House for a Hermit Crab' by Eric Carle alongside information books and other stories with familiar settings to write tongue-twisters, stories and diary entries.

Maths

In Maths, we will be revising multiplication and then moving on to division and measurement. We will also consolidate our addition and subtraction knowledge and apply these skills in solving worded problems. Please do not hesitate to ask about the methods that are taught and how you can help at home.

Science

In Science, we will continue to learn about living things and their habitats. We are also going to focus on different sources of food and food chains.

Weekly Routines

PE is on **MONDAYS, TUESDAYS and WEDNESDAYS**- children should come to school wearing their PE kit. There has been quite a few children who have not had their earrings covered with tape, please **ensure** this is done before coming to school.

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**.

FRIDAYS- Giraffes will continue to be taught by Miss Bailey, who the children have become fond of.



How can you help your child?

- Listen to them read each day. There will be a reading book and library book in their book-bag each week. When they do read to you, please make a note in their reading record (this can be your signature or a short comment).
- Ask them questions about what they have read.
- Encourage them to practise their spellings every day, using the 'LOOK, COVER, WRITE, CHECK' method.
- Support them in completing their homework.
- Go to your local library to find books about their current topic.
- Ensure your child **wears their PE kit** on the days they have **PE** lessons.
- Provide a **named** water bottle for them to use in class. These can be purchased from

Key Dates:

- Thursday 7th December- National Christmas Jumper Day
- Tuesday 12th/ Wednesday 13th Nativity
- Wednesday 20th Christmas Dinner Day
- Friday 22nd December – Last day of the half term.

Thank you for your ongoing support Please do not hesitate to ask any questions to myself or any of the Year 2 team.

Mrs Obhi and The Year 2 Team