



# 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 Parents' 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 'Well-Being' Week, focusing on mindfulness, having positive thoughts and learning how to express different feelings. The week was a wonderful experience for everyone, as we had the opportunity to meditate daily, learn good breathing technique and take part in some really 'feel good' activities. It was amazing to witness the Giraffes listening to some lovely meditation and showing how well they can concentrate on what was being instructed. We hope that you were also able to do some of the suggested activities at home together and enjoyed as much as we did.



CONGRATULATIONS to our very talented 'Barleyhurst's Got Talent' contenders and WINNERS!!! It was a brilliant show, we feel so proud to have such clever children at our school!!



It is amazing to see that most of the children are ready for another pirate adventure in Year 2 as we will be continuing with our fantastic topic. This half term we will be researching and learning about seas and oceans around the continents and locating RNLI stations using atlases, google earth and other sources.

In Maths, our focus is money and shapes, whilst in English, we will be continuing to read and create stories, information books, investigate amazing sea rescues and write postcards and writing recounts about key events.

In science we will 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.

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 Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays - children should come to school wearing their PE kit.
- 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 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023
- Mother's Day - Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023
- Year 2 Trip to Safety Centre - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023

(More information will follow soon.)

Thank you for your continued support.

We are so proud of all the pupils and their hard work and commitment so far.  
Wishing you and your families good health and happiness,

Mrs Obhi and Mrs Kidd