

YEAR 2

# Giraffes



NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2024



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?!

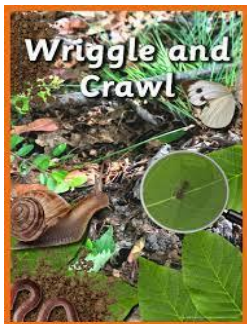
It has been an absolute pleasure to teach the Giraffes and be a part of their learning journey. We are very proud of watching them grow and achieve so much over the course of the year. Let's get on and make this the best term of them all!

## Specialist Week

Prior to the half term break, the whole school took part in the specialist week which focused on 'Geography'. 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 our map skills and how to locate places using a compass. It was great to see the enthusiasm shown by all the pupils throughout the week.

We also had a special visitor walking around the school and Giraffes showed how exceptionally well behaved they can be and how engaged they were in their learning - another well done to them!

There will be a change in staffing for the rest of this academic year. Mr. Passmore will now be teaching the children on Monday afternoons and all day on Fridays. We thank Miss Bailey whole heartedly for providing such a fun-filled learning experience for the Giraffes. I am sure the children will miss her in the classroom but equally welcome Mr. Passmore.



## 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 continue 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 **Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays**.
- 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

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June:** Euros Dress down day - wear sports kit or football kit of choice

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June:** FS and KS1 Father's Day Assembly at 2:30pm

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June:** Superhero Day - dress up as a hero of your choice

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June:** KS1 & FS Sports Day in the morning

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June:** Our trip to Birmingham Sea Life Centre

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June:** Dress down and Bring a Bottle for Tombola

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July:** Summer Fayre

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 and The Year Two Team