

Can you believe it? Something has laid a ginormous egg in our allotment area? I am sure the children will tell you all about it...watch this space. We are going to be very busy finding out who or what is the owner of the egg.

English

We are really hoping to get the children's creative juices going this half term with our fantastic selection of fiction all about dragons.

The children will continue to explore and deepen their understanding of vocabulary and inference skills as we explore many of the fiction books such as 'Tell me a dragon' by Jackie Morris and 'The boy who grew a dragon' by Andy Shepherd.

We will also be learning how to use non-fiction to find out information about Healthy eating and lifestyles.

In daily guided reading the children will continue to develop their comprehension skills through a variety of fiction and non-fiction within the appropriate books band.

Class Four Book Corner has lots of new 'Chapter stories that can be borrowed to read with parents at home.

Using the books as stimulus, we are going to write descriptive poetry and create some of our own traditional tales.

Spelling and Grammar

The focus will be on spelling words with different suffixes and a list of the spelling rules we are covering will be stuck into yellow diaries.

In addition to this, children need to be secure when spelling year one and two common exception words-the words that are frequently used and need to be learnt using visual strategies.

Maths

Each week children will have opportunity to develop their number fluency, reasoning and problem solving. Remember all children have a log in for TT Rockstars. This half term we will be focusing on statistic and shape.

We are beginning fractions-finding half, quarters, thirds of shapes and numbers. . Our calculation policy is available on the school website. We will continue to solve problems and apply our maths skills in other curriculum areas such as weighing and working out costs of ingredients and measuring our bodies to see how much we have grown..

Knowing number facts is a very important skill and class five will be challenged to the Ninja' maths challenge. This will involve knowing different number facts by heart and earning coloured belts as they progress through each level.

Scientific and technological understanding

This is a real focus for us this term.

The children will be learning about animals including humans this half term. The main focus will be on life cycles and what things are necessary for them to survive.

Through our scientific studies, we are going to be finding out about healthy living. We will be exploring a balanced diet and the need for exercise. We shall be developing our scientific skills of observation, testing and recording through many different experiments.

In Technology we are making our own healthy snacks and sandwiches. This will not just involve making them but also market research, packaging and advertising.

Please inform me asap if your child has a new food allergy

Health and Wellbeing:

As part of Jigsaw we will be discussing our 'New Goals' for the new year and 'Healthy Me'. The children will be learning how to stay healthy through diet and exercise and ways we can adopt a healthy lifestyle.

'Reflected' is a programme the whole school are following which develops the children's understanding of how they learn. We follow a weekly programme of lessons where the children are shown how they can deepen their understanding of how they can be successful learners. They then use this on a daily basis to help them identify how to improve further. All the children will be identifying areas they want to work on this half term and we will be sharing with parents how we are helping them to do this Eg. Additional learning sessions in small groups, focused group work in class etc.

Religious Education

This term, we are finding out about Judaism in Spring One and Christianity and The Easter Story in Spring Two.

Special days to note are:

*World Book Day Thursday 3rd March
Pizza Day-date to be confirmed*

Parents will also be invited in this half term to find out about our end of Key Stage One Assessment tasks and also a reading workshop on reading in year two.

A date will be sent out on separate letters. Parent conferences will also be this half term -face to face! We are very excited for you to see your child's books and folders-We are sure you will be pleased.

Home reading

We have changed the way we organise home reading books in line with the latest Government guidance published in July. And our new phonics scheme 'Little Wandle'.

Children have a phonics reading book and sharing books from the library. If they are reading Turquoise or beyond, they will not receive a phonics reading book. Our new reading books are much more challenging than previous schemes we have used and there is a lot of new vocabulary in them. It is worth spending time talking to your child about the new vocabulary so they understand its meaning. They need to bring their books to school every Thursday and new books will be sent home on Fridays. I May the children will be taking their National Statuary Assessments (sats) and we are hoping to hold several meetings for parents about this.

Homework

Homework will be sent home on Fridays and will need to be returned on Wednesdays.

Maths-children will have a weekly maths activity linking to the work they are focusing on in class.

Spellings-children will bring home weekly common exception words and words linking to the spelling rules and patterns being studied in class.

School times.

Class Four are arriving at school at 8.45 am. They will be leaving school at 3.00pm Both drop off and pick up will be from the ramp area outside Class Four.

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Once upon a story...

