



Tigers Newsletter Spring Term



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope that you had a wonderful Christmas and are ready for another busy term. Please feel free to come and see us if there is anything you are unsure of or if there is anything you want to know about what your child is learning in school. We do try to update the class page on the school website regularly so please have a look at photos and work to find out what the children have been up to! Homework and spellings will also be posted on the website as well as being sent home.

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Maths:

In maths this term we will be exploring money, time and shape. Children will be learning to recognise coins, find totals and begin to work out change. This will also link with addition and subtraction of 1 and 2 digit numbers, which we will consolidate. Children will also learn to tell the time and identify the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. We will also continue to work on our understanding of number including place value. As always there will be a strong emphasis on problem solving, fluency and reasoning. Please continue to play maths games and practise counting forwards and backwards in different steps with your children at home as this fluency really supports their understanding and enjoyment of maths.

English:

In English we will be writing to entertain. We will be reading a variety of story books and creating our own stories based on those we have read. We will explore characters and settings and think about how we can make our stories entertaining for the reader. Our first story we will read and use as a basis for much of our work this half term is *The Snail and the Whale* by Julia Donaldson but we will explore other stories which have journey plots too. We will also explore poetry looking at rhythm, rhyme and reading with expression.

Phonics:

We will continue to work on the set 2 and 3 sounds and practise using these in our reading and writing every day.

<p><u>Homework:</u> This will be sent out in the first week in homework books. You will find all the homework for the 5 weeks half term in the homework book. Children can choose any one activity to complete every week from the English, Maths or Topic box. Please can children hand in their homework on a Wednesday. There will be a tray in the classroom for children to put their work in which will then be marked and handed back.</p>	<p><u>Topic:</u> Our topic for this half term is 'Let's Explore'. We will be investigating different places around the world and using maps to name countries, continents and oceans. There will be lots of practical activities to interest and excite the children during this topic as we find out about different cultures and places around the world. Children will research the UK and then move onto further afield, finding out about Africa amongst other continents. We will create artwork and models to help us find out about other places, and also look at maps and atlases, creating our own maps and thinking about what needs to be on a map (including treasure maps!) In R.E the children will learn about the Jewish festival of Passover and listen to stories from Judaism.</p>
<p><u>Spellings:</u> Spellings will be given out and tested on a Friday. Three levels of challenge will be set each week. Children must choose one list to be tested on. Each challenge will contain words with a particular spelling pattern and some common exception words.</p>	<p><u>P.E:</u> Children will take part in P.E on Thursdays. Please make sure P.E kits are in school and that all clothes are named. Children will be outside for as many lessons as possible this half term, so please put in jumpers, leggings/tracksuits if it looks cold.</p>
<p><u>Reading:</u> Please try and read with your child 4 - 5 times a week. Books will be changed on a Monday. Children will also be given the opportunity to bring library books home each week.</p>	<p><u>Water bottles:</u> Please can children bring in a named water bottle every day. Just a reminder that children are only allowed water in their bottles to drink throughout the school day. Thank-you for your support with this!</p>

Please come in and see us if you need to know anything, or if you would like to come in and help by listening to readers.

Thank you for your continued support.

Janine Stones and Laura Stimpson

	9:00 - 9:30	9:30 - 10:30			11:00 - 12:00		1:15 - 3:15		
Monday	Phonics/ Guided Reading	Maths	B R E A K T I M E	A S S E M B L Y	English	L U N C H T I M E	Guided Reading	Topic	Library
Tuesday	Phonics/ Guided Reading	Maths		C G R O U P S	English		Topic (JS)	RE (DH)	
Weds	Phonics/ Guided Reading	Maths		S I N G I N G	English		Topic		
Thursday	Handwriting	Maths		A S S E M B L Y	English		PE (SB)	PSHE (DH)	
Friday	Spellings	Maths		English			Circle Time	Topic/Computing	