LKS2 Newsletter Autumn Term 1 2020

The LKS2 Team This Year Are...

Class Teachers:
Mrs Barnes
Mr Berry
Miss Horner
Mrs Madden

Class Assistants:
Mrs Barnard
Mrs Benham
Mrs Bingham
Mr Cook
Mr Hill
Mrs Real-Lage

Key Dates To Remember This Term

Wednesday 2nd September	Term 1 Starts for Children
Thursday 22nd October	Term 1 Ends
Friday 23rd October	INSET DAY

Welcome and Welcome Back to Lower Key Stage 2!

We hope that you have all had a restful and enjoyable summer, albeit a very different one to normal. We were so excited to welcome the children back last week. They seem a lot taller! The children have settled back into their routines very well and we have been impressed with the Year 3s who have made the transition from the Infants. Year 4s have also been extremely helpful with settling the Y3s in. We all look forward to sharing exciting adventures with you this term.

During this term we would like to continue seeing the children to settle into their classes and new routines in order to have a happy and successful year. You can help by ensuring that they have had a good night's sleep, have eaten a hearty breakfast and arrive at school ready to learn. Please ensure your child has a raincoat as we go outside come rain or shine.

When collecting your child at the end of the day, please ensure that their teacher can see you on the playground. If there is a change to collection arrangements then please inform the staff member on the door or preferably call the school office before the end of the day. If there is an adult who collects your child for you on a regular basis, please inform the school in writing.

Children can continue to earn house points for working hard, keeping our values and completing the Home Learning Challenges. We look forward to handing out the first bronze certificates and pen licenses of the school year. We will also be awarding our ***Stars of the Week*** who will be nominated and the certificate will explain the reason, as unfortunately we cannot hold Collective Worship in the usual way.

Our topic this term is ...

Blue Abyss

"Get your wetsuit! We're going deep into an underwater world of incredible coral and mysterious sea creatures.

What do real divers get up to below the surface? Create a fishy story about exploring an amazing underwater world.

Time to go a little deeper into our seas. Make a model deep-sea submarine that can withstand great pressure and travel to the deepest places on Earth. Make sure you test it first!

What are those bright lights in the distance? It's a group of bioluminescent sea creatures! Look closely and create a colourful, 3-D art exhibition when you rise to the surface.

Flippers on? Snorkel ready? Let's head into the Blue Abyss…"

Notices

Please check the website for updates!

Reading

Please remember to sign your child's reading record when they have read at home each day. We expect **all** children to read at least 4 - 5 times a week. Reading records should come in daily to allow teachers to communicate with you. **Please do not bring in reading books from home.** We will provide books for your child to read in school. Please make sure these books only come back to school once read. Please see the appropriate recommended reading list for suggested texts on our website.

Homework

In Year 3 & Year 4, the children will receive Maths and English / Topic homework alternate weeks. This will all be online, either through Mathletics or through Seesaw.

Homework will be set on a Friday and is to be completed by the following Wednesday please. **Please submit all homework using Seesaw and please do not bring it into school.**

Spellings

Spellings and spelling patterns will be taught in school. We are trialing not sending spellings home. If you wish to practice spellings with your child please refer to the Y3/4 common exception words which can be found in your child's reading record. We have found that this will have more impact on key work learning.

PE

Please ensure PE kits are worn to school on your child's PE days. Spare trainers can be kept in their lockers for break and lunchtimes.

PE days:

Dahl - Monday & Wednesday
Swindells- Wednesday & Friday
Stevenson - Wednesday & Friday

Pencil Cases

Please do not send a pencil case to school with your child. We will provide everything they need.

Times Tables

We will continue to do weekly 99 clubs in class. Remember to login to TT RockStars to practice your times tables!!

Here is an overview of what our classes will cover in the different areas of the curriculum this term.



Mathematics:
Maths will continue to be taught in year groups. 99 Club will take place on a Friday.

Year 3 will begin the year looking at the place value of 3-digit numbers. They will read and understand what each digit is worth and apply this knowledge in problem solving. The second half of the term will be spent on mental and written methods of addition and subtraction of numbers up to 1,000.

Year 4 will begin the year looking at the place values of 4-digit numbers. They will read and understand what each digit is worth and use this to round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000. The second half of term will be spent of developing mental and written methods of addition and subtraction of 4-digit numbers and applying this to problem solving.

Science:
In Science we will focus on living things and their habitats. We will investigate the habitats of creatures close to us, such as squirrels and worms, as well as learning about those that live in the sea. We will also consider the effects of pollution on the habitats of living things.

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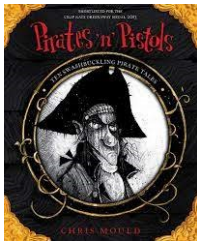
This term we are exploring Hinduism. The children will learn about Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva and their consorts. We will share the key stories connected with these deities and discuss what Hindus learn about God from these stories and how Hindus turn to different deities at different times and occasions.

Music:
This term the children will look at different instruments and their instrument families. We will be listening for these different instruments in music from the Blue Planet. This will be taught be Mrs. Madden.

Spanish:
This term the children will be learning and recapping greetings, family members and numbers. The children will be taught through interactive speaking and listening games with some written work. This will be taught be Miss Horner.



English: This term's English will be based around the text 'Pirates 'n' Pistols' by Chris Mould. We will be looking at myths and legends, biographies and poetry. We will be focusing on using noun phrases in our writing, to add detail and interest for the reader.



The children will revisit learnt skills and continue to develop their reading comprehension, spelling, grammar and punctuation knowledge each week.

Art and DT:



In our topic lessons we will look at a range of seascape paintings and drawings. We will also create 2-D and 3-D artworks showing a range of real and imaginary deep sea creatures and the habitat that they live in.

PE:
This term the children will be take part in Netball and Athletics. Please ensure your child arrives to school in their full PE kit on their allocated days.

History/Geography:

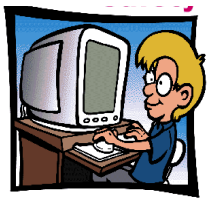
We will explore the world's oceans and seas, as well as the Great Barrier Reef. We will also learn about the work of the 1872 Royal Navy ship, HMS Challenger and how its story has contributed to modern oceanography.

PSHE:



To begin with, we will focus on settling back into school and routines. The children will take part in the RSE program. Year 3 will learn about the differences between boys and girls, labelling body parts. Year 4 will focus on wider differences between people and families. They will also talk about personal space.

Computing:



We will be looking at how to stay safe online and understanding the internet and how it works, as well as designing a website. This will be taught be Mr. Berry.

Our value this term is:

Responsiblity