



Newsletter

28th February 2014

What's going on at school this half term

There are a lot of exciting things happening at school this half term for the children, and some activities where we would love you as parents to get involved as well!

Year R

This half term Year R are learning about life around our school and in the wider world through their 'Jungle Explorers' Topic. They will be looking at why the egg is a sign of new life and what other signs and symbols are used in the run up to Easter. The traveling farm will also be visiting them at the end of term.

Year 1

In Year 1 this half term the children will be learning to write stories with a beginning a middle and an ending. The bases for these stories will be the old Mr Benn cartoons. These cartoons are a great way to teach children about story writing as the structure of each episode is so similar. The children will also be exploring in science how things move either by pushing or by pulling.

Year 2

The children this half term will be finding out about night. They will look at nocturnal animals and their habitats. They will investigate habitats in the country and in big cities. They will be learning how to write non-fiction books all about nocturnal animals. The children will be going to Marwell Zoo to look at different animals and will have a fantastic evening exploring the school grounds in the dark!

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 4th March

Year 2 Night Time Explorers Evening

Thursday 6th March

World Book Day come and share a book in class with your child at 2:45pm

Tuesday 11th March

Giraffe class assembly 9:10am

Wednesday 19th March

Tiger class assembly 9:10am

Friday 21st March

Zebra class assembly 9:10am

Wednesday 26th March

Kangaroos class assembly 9:10am

Wednesday 2nd April

Penguin class assembly 9:10pm

New Smiley Face Chart

On the back of this newsletter is a copy of the new smiley face chart we will start using for the children soon. There are a few differences from the old one. The first and most important is that the children will be specifically praised for showing good learning behaviour. They will also be given certificates as well as the badges they receive now. These certificates will take much longer to fully complete but the children will still receive badges as regularly as they do now.



Library open every morning

With the work finished on the new external library door we are opening the library up to parents every morning.

Please come into the library from 8:30am to look at books with your child or to change their library book as often as you want.

There will be no access to the rest of the school from the library.

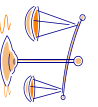
E-Safety Day



The children have had a great day learning all about how to stay safe when using computers, tablets, phones or any other device that can access the internet. The rules for staying safe they have heard today are appropriate to their age and the type of activities they are likely to be doing online. E-safety is one area that we need your help with as parents. As a school what we teach the children will have very little impact without your support. We all need to work together to teach children that the internet has great benefits but they need to know how to use it safely. The most worrying aspect of E-Safety is what we don't know. Technology changes so rapidly as parents it can often catch us by surprise. It is only by schools and parents working together that we can teach the skills the children need as they grow older. If you have any questions or would like any more information please come and see us.



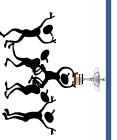
Be independent



Evaluate



A good communicator



Collaborate

Star Learner



Question



Use your imagination



Persevere



Stay focused