

## Spring Term 2020



### Tiger Class

Happy New Year! I hope you all had an enjoyable festive season.

We have a lot planned in Tiger Class for the Spring term. We will be learning about the life and work of Charles Darwin and that is our main cross-curricular topic for this term, including a visit to the Shrewsbury Museum and Library in the first week of February. More information will be sent home and published in our Class' page on the School's website soon.

In addition to that, please see below some information of key aspects for each subject we will be working on this term.

#### English

**Year 1** pupils will continue to build on work from the Early Years Foundation Stage and the Autumn Term, using our phonics scheme to learn to sound and blend unfamiliar printed words quickly, and accurately using the phonic knowledge and skills that they have already learnt. Children in Year 1 will have discreet phonics sessions at least four times a week, and will be sent work home to practise, when appropriate.

**Year 2** pupils will continue to focus on establishing their accurate and speedy word reading skills. We will listen to and discuss a wide range of stories and information books. In writing, we will use 2 programme of study for comprehension so that pupils hear and talk about new books, poems, other writing, and vocabulary with the rest of the class.

**All** children's reading book bands will match their phonics knowledge and they will read with an adult at School at least twice a week and we would ask for them to read with an adult at home at least five days a week. This should be recorded in their Reading Records.

Spellings will be checked every **Thursday**, with new words sent home (and uploaded to School's website) weekly.

#### Maths

This term, **Year 1** pupils will focus on addition and subtraction (within 20), and numbers up to 50 (including counting 2s, 5s, and 10s). By the second half of the term, we hope to start working on measurements, including length, height, weight and volume.

**Year 2** pupils will focus on learning methods for the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). We will also start practising our times tables (10s, 5s and 2s). Children in Year 2 will soon be issued with a new times tables book and will be tested on their times tables every **Thursday**.

## Computing

Children will be learning Computing with Mrs Foster, on a weekly lesson on Fridays. In addition to that, we will continue to use ICT throughout all aspects of our Curriculum.

## History

Our History focus this term will be on “the lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements”; significant historical events, people and places in our own locality and we will be learning this through our topic work, based on Charles Darwin.

## Music

We will continue to have weekly practice singing lessons and to be taught general music and to play an instrument by a specialist teacher from Shropshire Music Services.

## PE

We will have PE lessons both with a specialist coach (on **Fridays**) and with Mr Hughes (on **Mondays**). Please make sure children have their PE kits in School on those days.

## Science

Science will be taught by Mrs Foster on Friday mornings. This term, our Science topic is “Animals, including Humans”, so we can link in cross-curricular work on Charles Darwin.

## Design & Technology and Art & Design

These subjects will be taught by Mrs Davies, on Thursdays and Fridays afternoons and include a variety of creative and practical activities, where pupils will be taught the knowledge, understanding and skills needed to engage in a process of designing and making. We will use drawing and painting to develop and share ideas, experiences and imagination.

## Geography

This term, we will work on our geographical skills and fieldwork, using our topic work around Charles Darwin’s voyages to learn to use world maps, atlases and globes and name and locate countries, the world’s seven continents and five oceans.

## Homework

All homework required for Tigers is that the children read, practise their spellings and number skills (number bonds, times tables, etc) regularly. Homework books will be updated every **Thursday**.

**All relevant information will be posted to the Tiger Class’ page of the School’s website, so please make sure to check it regularly.**

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours sincerely,

*Mrs Crowe*