



Jaguar Class Newsletter

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Welcome to Jaguar newsletter! We have been in Year 1 for almost a whole half now and what an amazing start it has been! The children have settled into routines so well and continue to impress us every day with their positive attitudes and enthusiasm for learning. We are incredibly proud of how hard they have worked and the progress they have already made in such a short time. Their fantastic writing, growing maths skills and eagerness to learn new things have been wonderful to see. We are excited to continue this learning journey together as we go into Autumn 2.

English

This week, we have introduced our book 'Dragon Post' by Emma Yarlett. The children have been doing some fantastic writing and discussions around this book. We have been learning about instructions and have been orally rehearsing instructions out loud about 'How to douse a dragon' if it catches on fire! After the half term, we will be exploring adjectives and writing our own 'How to guide' on how to look after a dragon.

Maths

In Maths, we have moved onto our topic of addition and subtraction. The children are using part-whole models, the crossing out method and number lines to add and subtract two numbers.

Science

In Science, we have moved on to a topic about plants. We will be exploring the different parts of plants and what they are for. The children have been learning about different types of plants, and how they grow and thrive in different environments.

Geography

Our Geography topic for this half term is on continents and oceans/ countries and capital cities of the UK. The children will name and explore maps to locate the 7 continents, 5 oceans and the 4 countries and their capital cities in the UK.

History

In history, our unit is on changes in living memory with a focus on chronology. The children are learning about how they have grown, what is in their local community and looking back what the shops were like in the past.

PSHE

In PSHE, we are enjoying the Jigsaw unit Being Me in My World. We have been thinking about how we can feel safe in school and reasons we may feel proud of ourselves. This week, we have been applying our learning to create our own Class Charter about showing kindness, respect and listening to each other.

Computing

In computing, we are learning how to log into our Purple Mash accounts, how to save and complete work set.

Art

In Art, the children are exploring art by Wassily Kandinsky. We have learned about the difference between abstract and realistic art, focusing on how shapes and colours can be used to express feelings and ideas. The children created their own Kandinsky inspired pieces by cutting different shapes out of cardboard and layering them to create a fantastic 3D abstract effect.

Music

In Music, we will be completing the unit, Hey You! We have been looking at finding the pulse to the music using glockenspiels.

PE

The children are working on their balance and coordination in the fundamental unit. In dance the children are using actions and expressions to create dance performance to music.

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Daily Reading at home

Please spend 10 minutes reading with your child, and record this in their reading records as this helps them to become confident and fluent readers who can move through the Read, Write Inc scheme. Please speak to staff in class if you require any further support with your child's reading.

Uniform

Please ensure your child's uniform is labelled clearly with their name. This will really support staff in returning any lost uniform.

Healthy eating

As we are a healthy eating school, a gentle reminder to please provide your child with healthy choices for their snack/ lunch options e.g. fruit, veggie sticks and cereal bars etc.

Birthdays

We kindly ask that if you wish to celebrate your child's birthday at school, please send only small individually wrapped sweets/ chocolate instead of a birthday cake. This helps us keep celebrations simple and fair for all children.

Toys

Gentle reminder, to please ensure your child does not bring toys into school. Toys can easily get lost or damaged and this can cause upset. In school we have a range of resources and activities for children to engage in.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a water bottle with them in school each day.

PE

Year 1 PE days are on Wednesday and Friday, please ensure your child arrives to school in their PE kits on these days.