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### **Koala Class Newsletter**

## Issue 7

# **Class Teacher**

It has been great to see the children back from their holidays so eager and enthusiastic to learn! We have some exciting new topics this half-terms and Koala Class are extremely excited to delve into them!

### Curriculum

## **Maths**

This half-term, we will be learning about fractions, decimals and percentages. All children were given their <a href="www.maths.co.uk">www.maths.co.uk</a> logins last half-term. This is a fantastic online resource where children can complete maths quizzes around our current units and past learning. Please ensure your child is logging into this weekly, as quizzes are set weekly.

#### **English**

This half term we are studying the texts, 'Some Places More Than Others' by Renie Watson and 'The Last Bear' by Hannah Gold. Through these texts, we will be learning how to effectively write for a range of audience and purpose.

Reading: plying all reading skills to a variety of contexts, including fiction, non-fiction, poetry and media.

#### History

This half-term, we are learning all about the Benin Kingdom, which is a topic the children are familiar with from last term's book 'Children of the Benin Kingdom'.

## **Design and Technology**

Children will study pulleys and gears before designing, making and evaluating a new fairground ride for a theme park in Whiston.

## **Science**

Our topic this half-term is 'Heat'. Children will learn what happens when particles are heated and why heat causes expansion in a substance. They will also study what thermal equilibrium is and how heat is transferred between particles. In addition, they will know what thermal conductors and insulators are and how we can prevent heat from getting to an ice cube.

# **French**

Children will learn a variety of words linked to weather in French.

## P.E

Nimble Nets: Children will develop techniques for hitting a tennis ball, particularly ground strokes and volleys and play in a competitive game.

Cool Core: Children will identify techniques to improve balance and core strength in Pilates.

# **Important Information**

- P.E. Days: Monday and Wednesday
- Snacks: Please ensure children are bringing healthy snacks to school for break and lunch times.

To see all our latest learning and for school updates, please follow @WhistonWillis1 on twitter.

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Thank you for your continued support, Miss Armstrong