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Jaguar Class Newsletter

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We hope you all had a wonderful and well-rested half-term break. The children have returned with such enthusiasm, and we are excited to see how they continue to grow throughout Spring 2. This half term brings many opportunities for them to develop their confidence, independence, and learning even further, and we are very much looking forward to celebrating the progress they will make. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

English

In English, our key text is *Julian Is a Mermaid* by Jessica Love. The children have worked hard to produce a short poem inspired by *Julian is a Mermaid*, drawing on rich descriptive language to bring his magical world to life. We are so impressed and proud of the work the children have produced!

Maths

In Maths, the children have been learning about height and length through lots of practical, hands-on activities. They have enjoyed comparing and measuring different objects around the classroom, using vocabulary such as *taller, shorter, longer, and longest* with growing confidence. Through exploring real-life examples and using tools like cubes and rulers, they are developing a strong understanding of how to measure carefully and accurately. It has been lovely to see their enthusiasm as they investigate, discuss, and problem-solve using their new measuring skills.

Science

Next week, the children will be revisiting their Science topic *Animals Including Humans*. They will have the opportunity to build on their previous learning by exploring different animal groups, identifying their key features, and discussing what humans and animals need to stay healthy. Through hands-on activities and discussions, the children will deepen their understanding of growth, basic needs, and how to look after living things. We are looking forward to seeing how confidently they recall and apply what they learned earlier in the year.

Geography

In geography, the children have been exploring where hot and cold places are on the globe and learning about the equator. The children have enjoyed using maps and globes to identify countries with warmer climates near the equator and those with colder climates further away. Through discussion and hands-on activities, they are beginning to understand how the equator affects temperature and weather in different parts of the world.

History

In History next week, we will be learning about Sir David Attenborough and the important work he does. The children will discover how he has spent many years exploring our planet and teaching people about animals, habitats, and the natural world through his documentaries.

PSHE

In PSHE we will be learning about different ways we can keep and stay healthy. The children will explore how eating a balanced diet, getting enough sleep, staying active, and keeping clean all help our bodies and minds feel their best.

RE

In RE, we will be learning about the Christian celebration of Easter and why it is such an important time for many people. The children will explore the story of Easter and think about its messages of hope and new beginnings. We will also be learning about Baptism, looking at what it is, why it takes place, and the symbols that are used during the ceremony. Through stories, pictures, and discussion, the children will begin to understand how these events are celebrated within the Christian faith.

Computing

In Computing, we will be learning about simple algorithms and how they help us give clear instructions. The children will explore what an algorithm is—a set of step-by-step instructions—and practise following and creating their own.

Art

In Art, we will be exploring printmaking. The children will begin by exploring different materials and printmaking art forms, giving them the chance to experiment and play with creative ideas.

DT

In DT, we are learning about structures. The children will identify a problem and explore suitable materials that could help solve it. They will then apply these skills to make their design and will spend time evaluating their work, thinking carefully about what went well and how they could improve or adapt their ideas in the future.

Music

In Music, we will be exploring our new Charanga topic *Round and Round*. The children will enjoy listening to and learning to sing this upbeat Latin-style song while developing their sense of rhythm and pitch. Throughout the unit, they will have opportunities to play simple patterns on percussion instruments, move to the beat, and begin to improvise their own musical ideas.

PE

In PE, the children will be developing their ball skills through a range of fun and active games. They will practise rolling, throwing, catching, and striking with increasing control.

and accuracy. Alongside this, the children will be introduced to simple net and wall games, where they will learn how to send a ball towards a target and begin to understand how to return a ball using different techniques.

News

Tuck Shop Friday

We are excited to announce we are launching a tuck shop in school on Friday. One treat is priced at 50p. All monies raised will go back to the children through resources, contributions to trips and other exciting opportunities. Tuck shop will still be on this Friday.

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.

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.