



# Jaguar Class Newsletter

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Welcome to Jaguar newsletter! We have been in Year 1 for 5 weeks now and WOW, the children have settled into routines so well and we are so proud of their attitudes and efforts towards learning. I have been blown away by their fantastic writing and maths skills and we are excited to see the journey that Jaguars will take throughout this academic year. In class and around the school environment, we continue to remind children of our 3 important school values, 'be respectful, be responsible and be safe.' We have been very lucky this week because we have had a new outside area installed. The children have loved this area. They have used it to revisit prior knowledge and deepen their understanding of topics we have been learning.

## English

The last few weeks, we have introduced to our book 'Sidney Stella and the Moon' by Emma Yarlett. The children have been doing fantastic writing around this book. We have been learning about the moon and the children have been amazing at writing their own facts. Next week we will be using all of the information we have learnt about non-fiction books to write our very own fact files.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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 explored the difference between abstract and realist art and the use of shapes and colours that Kandinsky uses in his artwork. The children created their own Kandinsky inspired artwork by using rulers to create lines and different shapes to colour in.

## Music

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

## 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.

## News

### 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.

### Food donations

We are collecting food donations for our local food bank. Any food packets, tins etc would be greatly appreciated. Please could these be sent to the main office or to the class teacher.

### 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.