



Tiger Class Newsletter

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Welcome back

We have been in Year 1 for 6 weeks now, and what an amazing start it has been! The children have settled into the routines exceptionally 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 move into Autumn 2.

English

We have recently begun our new non-fiction text, *Why Do We Need Bees?* The children have been learning about the features of non-fiction texts, including headings, labels, captions and fact boxes. Through our reading and discussion, they have developed their speaking and listening skills by sharing ideas, answering questions and discussing new information about bees.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed discovering why bees are so important to our environment and learning fascinating facts about their habitats, jobs within the hive and how they help plants to grow. They have shown great enthusiasm when creating fact files, reading information texts and writing their own bee facts. We have been incredibly impressed with their growing confidence, curiosity and the high-quality work they have produced.

Maths

In Maths, the children have been learning to compare and order numbers. They have been exploring one more and one less than a given number and using the vocabulary greater than, less than, and equal to to describe and compare amounts. The children have shown great confidence when explaining their reasoning and using mathematical language to discuss their ideas.

Science

In Science, the children have been learning about day and night and answering the question, "Why does day become night?" They have learned that the Earth spins, or rotates, once every day and that this movement causes day and night. The children have explored how it is daytime when our part of the Earth faces the Sun and nighttime when it faces away from the Sun.

Geography

Our Geography topic this half term has focused on learning about the equator and understanding the Northern and Southern Hemispheres. The children have enjoyed using maps and globes to locate the equator and identify which continents are found in each hemisphere. They have learned that countries closer to the equator are often hotter and sometimes more humid, while places further away from the equator are generally colder.

History

In History, we have been learning about our local area and understanding that the place where we live is called a community. The children have explored what makes a community, the different places within our local area, and the people who help us every day. They have enjoyed discussing the places they visit and learning about how communities work together.

PSHE

In PSHE, we have been learning about our achievements and reflecting on the things we are proud of. The children have enjoyed sharing their successes both in and out of school and discussing the goals they have achieved through hard work and perseverance. We have explored how everyone has different strengths and talents and celebrated the progress we have made since starting Year 1.

Computing

In Computing, the children have been developing their basic computer skills using a range of creative digital tools. They have been learning how to use the mouse and keyboard confidently, as well as creating their own digital pictures using painting tools. The children have also enjoyed making jigsaw puzzles, simple drag-and-drop games and creating images to use within their own games.

DT

In DT, the children have been learning about sliders and moving mechanisms. They have explored different types of sliders and investigated how they can be used to make parts of a picture or product move. The children have developed their practical skills by designing and making their own slider products and have enjoyed testing and improving their creations.

Music

In Music, we have completed the "Hey You!" unit and have been learning all about finding and keeping the pulse in music. The children have enjoyed listening to different songs, moving to the beat and identifying the steady pulse. They have shown great enthusiasm during singing and musical activities and have become increasingly confident in recognising and following the pulse through clapping, tapping and movement. It has been wonderful to see the children developing their musical skills while having lots of fun.

PE

In PE, the children have been developing their balance and coordination skills through gymnastics. They have enjoyed exploring different ways of moving, balancing and travelling safely, showing increasing confidence and control in their movements. In dance, the children have been using a range of actions, movements and facial expressions to create performances to music. We have been impressed with their creativity, enthusiasm and ability to work together to perform different sequences and express ideas through movement.

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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.

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.

Thank you for your continued support,
Miss Powell