

Jaguar Class Newsletter

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Welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break. The children have made a positive start to the Spring term, quickly settling back into routines and showing a great attitude towards their learning. In class and around school, we continue to reinforce our three important Whiston Willis values: be respectful, be responsible, and be safe. We are excited to see all the fantastic things the children will achieve this half term.

Please find below an overview of what the children will be learning during Spring 1.

English

In English, our key text we are reading is Iggy Peck, Architect by Andrea Beaty. The children will be learning about different kinds of buildings and will use a range of adjectives, superlatives (est - suffix) and comparatives (er-suffix) to describe and compare structures. They will be learning how to create a fact file about buildings.

Maths

In maths, we are learning to add and subtract numbers within 20. The children will be learning about different ways to add and subtract within 20. They will use their understanding of addition and subtraction to create fact families.

Science

In science, the children will build on their learning from last half term. They will continue to investigate the properties of materials and conduct a range of experiments to test out the durability of a range of materials, e.g. will a material withstand strong wind?

Geography

In geography, we are learning about hot and cold places around the world and exploring maps to locate these places.

History

In history, we are learning about lives of significant individuals in the past who have contributed to national and international achievements. We will be studying the lives of Mary Anning and David Attenborough.

PSHE

In PSHE, children will learn to set goals and identify successes and achievements. They will explore focussing on challenges and identify ways of overcoming barriers.

RE

In RE, we will learn what Hinduism is and where it comes from. They will explore what Hindus believe and what special things Hindus do at home.

Computing

Children will understand the functionality of the direction key and to understand how to create and debug a set of instructions (algorithm). Children will use the additional direction keys as part of an algorithm.

Art

Children will study this local photographer and light paintings before designing and creating their own using digital media.

Music

Children will learn this song that has been arranged in six different styles: Blues, Baroque, Latin, Bhangra, Folk and Funk.

PE

In PE, our topics are target games and yoga. The children will be developing their understanding of the principles of defending and attacking in target games. In yoga, the children will begin to learn poses and techniques that will help them connect their mind and body. The children will be improving their strength, flexibility, co-ordination and balance.

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.