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# Jaguar Class Newsletter

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As we approach our final week in Jaguar Class, it is hard to believe what an incredible year it has been! This is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on all of the fantastic achievements the children have made and the amazing progress they have shown across all areas of learning. We are extremely proud of every child and all that they have accomplished this year.

It has been a pleasure getting to know each and every one of the children and watching them grow in confidence, independence and maturity. They have developed into kind, respectful and responsible members of our school community and are now ready to take the next exciting step into Year 2.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to all of our parents and carers for your continued support throughout the year. Your encouragement and partnership have played a vital role in helping the children succeed, and we are very grateful for everything you have done.

As the children prepare for their move to Year 2, we wish them all the very best of luck and every success for the future. We know they will continue to shine and make us proud, and we look forward to hearing about all of their wonderful achievements in the years ahead.

Finally, we hope that all of our Jaguar Class families have a lovely, relaxing and well-earned summer break. Thank you once again for a fantastic year - we hope everyone enjoys making special memories over the holidays and returns refreshed and ready for the exciting opportunities that lie ahead.

## English

In English, we have been reading *The Seesaw* and the children have thoroughly enjoyed discussing their own favourite toys and making connections to the story. Using the text as inspiration, the children created their own short narratives about a lost toy, showing great imagination and creativity. They worked hard to include adjectives to describe their toys and settings in detail, as well as conjunctions to join their ideas and extend their sentences. We have been very impressed with the children's writing, their enthusiasm for storytelling and their growing confidence in applying the skills they have learned throughout the year.

## Maths

In Maths, we have been learning about time and money. The children have been practising telling the time to o'clock and half past on both analogue and digital clocks, developing their confidence in recognising and reading different times throughout the day. We have also been exploring money, learning to identify and recognise different coins and notes and understanding their values. The children have enjoyed solving practical money problems and using their knowledge to count and compare amounts. We have been very impressed with their enthusiasm and the progress they have made in applying these important real-life skills.

## Science

In Science, we will be revisiting our learning about plants, animals and humans. The children will build on their understanding by identifying a range of common plants and animals, and learning about their different features and groups. They will also explore the basic structure of plants, as well as learning about the human body and the senses. We are looking forward to developing the children's knowledge and curiosity about the natural world through hands-on activities and exploration.

## Geography

In Geography, we will be learning about mapping and fieldwork. The children will explore both real and imaginary maps, learning about their purpose and how they help us understand the world around us. They will take part in simple fieldwork activities, using observation skills to study the school environment and identify key features. We are looking forward to seeing the children develop their curiosity and confidence as they explore their surroundings.

## History

In History, we will be learning about significant figures from the past and the important contributions they have made to the world. Our focus will be on Neil Armstrong and his role in the first moon landing. The children will explore why this event was so important and how it changed our understanding of space, as well as learning about his life and achievements. We are looking forward to developing the children's curiosity and understanding of how individuals can make a real difference in history.

## PSHE

In PSHE, we will be learning about how we change and grow. The children will explore the life cycle of humans and understand that everyone grows and develops at different rates. They will learn about the names of different parts of the body, including those that are private, and understand the importance of keeping themselves safe and knowing how to ask for help if they feel worried or unsure. We will also discuss how change is a natural part of life and support the children in developing confidence and understanding as they grow.

## RE

In RE, the children continue to learn about the Creation Story and explore how the world is created. They think about why our planet is special and discuss how we can care for and look after the world around us.

## Computing

In Computing, we are learning about technology and how it is used in our everyday lives. The children are exploring what technology is, where it can be found in school, at home and in the wider world, and why it is important. They are also beginning to understand how to use technology safely and responsibly. We are looking forward to developing the children's awareness and confidence when using different forms of technology.

## Music

In Music, we are revisiting and consolidating all of the learning that has taken place throughout the year. The children are listening to and appraising different pieces of music, including classical music, as well as taking part in singing, playing instruments and exploring improvisation. They are continuing to develop their understanding of key musical skills and vocabulary, before sharing and performing their work. We are looking forward to celebrating the children's progress and confidence as they enjoy making music together.

#### Art

In Art, the children are exploring textiles and learning how to use a range of materials to create their own pieces. They are developing skills such as weaving, threading and layering different fabrics, as well as practising controlled brushstrokes when adding colour. The children are also experimenting with techniques such as using oil crayons and paint to create interesting effects. We are inspired by the work of artist Anne Kelly and are enjoying seeing the children's creativity grow as they combine different textures and materials in their artwork.

#### DT

In DT, we will be learning about materials and how they can be used for different purposes. The children will explore a range of everyday materials, investigating their properties and how they can be changed using heat or water. They will then apply their knowledge to design and build their own simple structures, such as a small model house, using a combination of materials. We are looking forward to seeing the children's creativity and problem-solving skills as they design, make and evaluate their work.

#### PE

In PE, the children are developing a range of fundamental movement and ball skills through a variety of engaging activities and games. They are practising skills such as throwing, catching, kicking, rolling and dribbling, while also improving their balance, coordination and control. The children are working individually, in pairs and in small teams, which helps them to develop communication, teamwork and cooperation. They are also learning the importance of following rules, showing kindness and perseverance, and building confidence as they take part in different physical activities.

#### News

##### Toys

Please can you ensure all toys are kept at home. We have recently seen an increase in the number of toys being brought into school. Toys can easily get lost or broken during the school day which can cause upset for the children.

##### 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.