

# Tigers' Class

## Spring Newsletter

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and are ready and eager to embrace the New Year!

The Autumn term, although very busy, was a really successful term where so much was achieved. The children quickly adjusted to the more structured learning environment in Year 1 and have embraced all of their new learning. It has been a pleasure watching the children progress and develop into independent, confident learners over last term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support at home. I can't express enough how significant this is in helping the children's learning and development.

If you do have any queries or concerns, please come and see me or contact me via Class Dojo.

Miss Jolland ☺

Tigers' P.E sessions will continue to take place on a Monday and Wednesday this term. Miss Jolland will be teaching Gymnastics and Dance, and Mr Taylor will continue to teach our other weekly PE session.

Please ensure your child has the following items in their PE bag and that each item of clothing is clearly **labelled** to ensure nothing is lost:

- White T-Shirt
- Black Shorts
- Trainers
- Tracksuit top and bottoms

**Please remember that no jewellery is to be worn during P.E.**

### The learning in Tigers this term:

In **English** we are going to be writing **Journey** stories, with a focus on the story '**Elmer**'. We will then move on to looking at Diary writing.

This term in **Maths** we will be looking at '**telling the time** and **adding and subtracting numbers with 50**'.

In **Science**, we will be looking at **plants** and **materials**.

Our **Topic** this term is **A Local Study**. We will be starting off by comparing Kedington to Cambridge and then Africa. As we really want to immerse the children into learning about their local surroundings, it would be great if you could spend some time looking at landmarks, physical features and the history of these places when visiting. (I am not expecting any of you to take a trip to Africa though!)

### Spellings

The children have been really successful in learning their spellings each week and it is lovely to see how they are applying these in their reading and writing. We will continue to send home spellings on a Friday, ready to be tested the following Friday. We will use a sticker or a stamp in your child's learning log to record achieving 5/5. We will write a comment if there are any words that the children need to continue practising. Thank you again for all of your support at home when learning their spellings.

### Phonics

As you may know, the teaching and learning of Phonics is key in Year One. During this term and next, we will be focusing on recognising, and blending to read all of the sounds taught so far in preparation for Phonic Screening.

During the week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> June, all Year 1 pupils sit the Phonic Screening Check, where they are required to read 40 words containing all of the sounds taught in Reception and Year 1. When the Phonic Screening Check gets closer, I will provide more information on what it entails and how you can support at home. In the meantime, please can I ask that you use the sound mats that I sent home last term (purple Phase 3 and Pink Phase 5), encouraging the children to tell you what the sounds are and helping them to recognise these in their reading and writing.

It is wonderful to see how the children's reading is developing; they are now recognising an increasing number of words on sight! Please can I just remind you all to ensure that your child reads their book at least twice before putting it in the white 'change my book box'. This is to ensure that they are gaining a real understanding of what they have read.

Thank you ☺