

Tigers' Class

Autumn Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school and more importantly Tigers' class! We are thrilled to be working with your children once again and continuing their learning from EYFS. Already we feel we are in good stead to hit the ground running with some of the Year 1 curriculum and we are excited to be working with all the Tiger children in our new class bubble! We will be following school and Government guidance carefully to ensure we maintain the social distancing measures needed to keep children and staff safe. For example: limited sharing of resources including books, regular hand washing and separate play equipment boxes. Already the children have shown excellent social distancing within school and we will continue to monitor this carefully. At Kedington, we believe communication to be key for a strong and effective partnership so if there is anything you would like to discuss, then please pop in after school to speak to us or send a message on Dojo. We will do our very best to help and our door is always open for you. We look forward to working with you and the children this year. Best wishes, Mrs Ahlquist, Mrs Dearman and Mrs Norden

Literacy	Maths	Science	Geography/History
We begin the term with traditional stories and the children will use a variety of stories to write to an audience and with purpose. Children will learn the basic sentence structures and use punctuation and grammar accurately in their writing.	We will follow the schools Maths Mastery programme starting with numbers within 10. We will also include regular maths meetings to consolidate key areas of mathematics and build fluency of the basic skills and concepts.	In science, the children will follow Unity's CUSP curriculum starting with animals including humans. Our unit of work on plants will be ongoing throughout the year and taught through Forest School activities.	In Geography, the children will be learning about the UK and some countries including capital cities. They will learn about changes within living memory through understanding about themselves as babies, toddlers and children.

Other Curriculum subjects

Children will be introduced to moving mechanisms and will have fun making a moving story book linked to their English work. In music, they will be shown how to feel the pulse in music and experiment with percussion instruments. Through art, children will be taught about the formal elements of art including shape, line and colour. In computing, children will learn how to log on and off a computer, use drawing tools and learn how to programme a Bee-Bot toy. In RE we will be finding out about why belonging to God and the church family is important to Christians.

PSHE, Forest School & PE

This term, Tigers' class will have PE on Thursday afternoons and some activities will be taught through Forest School. Mrs Dodman will be leading forest school sessions every Tuesday afternoon. This will be an outdoor session and children will need to be appropriately dressed for this. Please read the Forest School leaflet that has been shared on Dojo. PSHE and the emotional well-being of pupils will be at the forefront of our curriculum. We will be following a new scheme called PATHS to support our children's well-being.

Homework and Spellings

We will be sending homework and spellings home every week on a Friday in addition to daily reading. This will need to be handed in on the following Wednesday for marking. Knowledge organisers will be sent home for some subjects and we ask that parents support children by going over the content to support class learning on these topics. New reading books will be issued on Mondays and then changed the following Monday to allow for 72 hours.

Reading and Phonics

Whole class reading comprehension lessons will take place weekly. In sessions, children will: discuss and summarise texts, develop their understanding of new words and vocabulary, develop their retrieval skills, and learn how to make simple inferences. Throughout the year, children will be exposed to high-quality literature from different cultures and authors.

Daily phonics lessons will take place in Tigers and children will be taught to read and spell common exception words for Year 1. Children will take home a blue folder of the key sounds and tricky words they are working on. We would ask that when hearing your children read, please also practise the sounds and words in their blue folder. Once they are confident and have been assessed, a new list will be given.

Please encourage your child to read every day. This does not have to be their school book, but instead could be signs and labels around them, as well as magazines and books from libraries and at home. We will provide a yellow home reading record book for parents to record reading comments in but due to social distancing measures, staff will not be able to record in these. Instead, we will record notes in our own monitoring folder in school when listening to children read and notify you of progress through Dojo.