



Spring 1 Newsletter January 2023

YEAR 4 (Dolphins)



Dear Parents/Carers,

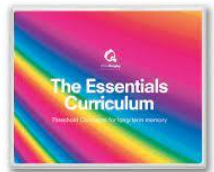
In this newsletter you will find information on what we are studying this term (and next) as well as general information and key dates for your diary. As ever, should you have any questions, do contact us via ClassDojo or, if a quick query, catch us at the end of the day.

As you are aware, our new school values are Resilience, Community and Respect. Please continue to discuss these at home with your child and how they can reflect these at home and school.

Mr Farnell



Term 3 Learning



This term the children's learning will be as follows:

English	During this term we will be looking at the book <i>The Iron Man</i> by Ted Hughes. This will be the focus this term and will be the basis of our writing tasks. We will be creating some short narratives from different perspectives as well as learning skills to help write a detailed, engaging version.
Maths	This term will begin with some more multiplication and division where we will learn about factors and how we can use factor bugs to help answer complex questions. We will then move onto look at length and perimeter to finish this term.
RE	Our topic this term is Gospel. We will be focusing on different stories from the Bible to help answer our big question which is "What kind of world did Jesus want?"
History	Term 3 will see us move onto exploring the Egyptians. We will learn about Ancient Egypt, looking at different Egyptian beliefs and the famous pyramids.
Geography	During Term 3 we will be focusing on the continent of Europe. We will focus on how the population has changed in Europe and reflect on our mountains and rivers work from last term as we look into some examples from Europe.
Science	Biology is our main focus in Term 3. During this term we will be looking to understand how different animals and humans work, looking at food chains, identifying types of teeth as well as describing the functions of the digestive system.
Art	We will be looking at an artist called Robert McCall. The theme for this topic is A Journey into Space.
PE	Our topics this term are Dance and Tag Rugby. Dance will be led by Mrs Hunt on a Thursday afternoon and Tag Rugby will occur on a Tuesday afternoon.

PSHE	Our overarching topic this term is Dreams and Goals. We will be identifying children's goals and aspirations. These will be celebrated in class. We will also be listening to some inspirational words and stories from other people on how they achieved their goal.
Music	The children will be learning a rap this term. The rap is entitled "Stop" and deals with bullying. The children will have an opportunity to write their own verses to go with the chorus.
French	We will continue building on our growing knowledge of the French language. We will be focusing on learning all about different musical instruments.

Additional information

Spellings – these are to be set every Friday and evaluated on the following Friday. Hard copies are available, if needed, but they are also posted on Spelling Shed. This app allows the children to practise their spellings and earn points. All login details are stuck in the back of the children's reading records.

Times Table Rockstars – we will be continuing using TTRS both in school and at home. This is a great app that will be very helpful as we prepare for the official Multiplication Test later in the year. We will complete a timed version on a Friday.

Reading – Please do read regularly with your child at home. Sign their reading record and help them earn Accelerated Reader awards and House points. We cannot stress how much of a positive impact this has on your child's reading ability.

PE Kit – With the weather so unpredictable, it would be beneficial to keep PE kit in school for the whole term. Due to Tag Rugby, there may be times that the kit will need to be bought home to be washed. While it's being washed, please ensure appropriate kit is in school. Although Tag Rugby is set to be on a Tuesday, the weather may prevent this sometimes. Please also ensure earrings are either removed or taped up for this.

If you need to contact us, please use ClassDojo. We will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible. Do note that teachers cannot see messages sent to other teachers. You are given the option to choose who you want to send the message to when composing it.

Finally, a reminder to make sure everything is named, this includes PE kits and (as the weather gets colder) hats, scarves, gloves and any new coats!

Thank you.

Key dates/information

10th January - Space Dome Experience (at school)

15th January - World Religion Day (Sunday)

19th January – School Census

20th January – Young Voices @ O2

23rd January – National Handwriting Day

3rd February – NSPCC Number Day

6th – 10th February – Children's Mental Health Week

7th February – Trip to London Science Museum (more information to follow)

7th February – Safer Internet Day

10th February – last day of term (full day – return to school on Monday 20th February)

