

## Year 4 Zebras Newsletter – Autumn 2

### **Welcome**

We cannot believe we are already moving into Autumn 2. It has been great getting to know the children since coming back after the summer and we are looking forward to continuing with our learning in this term.

### **Reading**

We are continuing to develop our reading for pleasure but exploring different texts and books. We will be sharing these with each other in pairs as well as reading together as a whole class.



Our class novels for this half term continue to be:

- The Reluctant Dragon
- The Train the Impossible Places
- Dominic's Discovery

We will be focussing on comprehension skills in a weekly reading lesson where we will be looking at different extracts and discussing/answering different types of questions.

### **Writing**

This term we will be covering various writing genres. Our main writing texts will be:

- How to train your Dragon.
- The lost thing.



We will be covering many different text types throughout the term and focussing on various skills such as: prepositional phrases, similes and metaphors, expanded noun phrases and punctuating speech.

### **Maths**

Students in their mathematics will be studying area and will be introduced to multiplication and division problems. The area work will consist of comparing different areas and shapes whereas the multiplication and division will be heavily focused on improving their times tables for the multiplication check next year.



### **Science**

Our Science this term will be focussing on electricity. Children will be asked to build circuits, identify and draw simplified electrical symbols and discuss effective conductors and insulators.



We will look at real scenarios to inform children about electrical safety. Children will use tables to record findings and be able to group electrical appliances based on their power supply.

### **Computing**

In Computing this term, children will be exploring spreadsheets and a programme called 2calculate. We will be looking at how to add formulae to a cell on spreadsheets and



exploring the use of the display of decimal places. In 2calculate, we will be discovering how to use the line graph tool and the currency formatting tool.

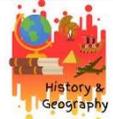
**DT**

In Design Technology this half term the students will be looking at structures and frameworks. They will develop skills to be able to create a model Pavilion.



**Geography**

This term in Geography the students will be studying the rainforest and why it is so important will delve into how our rainforests are changing and the indigenous people who live there.



**Music**

In music this term, children will be learning more complex rhythm patterns when playing the glockenspiel. They will be revising, reading and playing the notes: C, D, E, F and G. They will be learning how to play songs leading up to a performance to the class.



**PE**

PE days this term will be on Tuesday (swimming) and Wednesday (inside). Children need to Come to school in their PE kits on these days.



**PSHE**

this half term in PSHE the students will be focusing cycle safety and how to be safe will also have a focus on healthy living and how to maintain a balanced diet.



**Spanish**

In Spanish we will be focussing on the unit 'Mi Familia (my family). Children will learn how to say different family members names and discuss who is in their family in spanish. They will cover this through speaking and listening exercises as well as reading and writing tasks.

**Homework Project**



- Locate as many different electrical items around your house. Are they mains-powered or battery powered? Make a list of all the objects you find.
- Create an information page of some sort on a rainforest around the world.
- Create some rainforest art.
- Create safety posters to show people how to be safe on the roads
- Design a balanced meal that could be served in a restaurant



**Skills Builder**

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.



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Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities



## Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude.



## Class information

**Class Teacher:** Mrs Ashcroft and Mrs McKinnon

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Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.

## Dates for the diary!

### Autumn 2

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – school reopens for pupils.

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November – Reception 2024 Open evening 4.00pm – 5.00pm

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November - Discos

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Anti-bullying week – Odd Socks Day

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need Day

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – GAT Training Day – school closed.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Reception Nativity 2.00 pm

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Nursery Sing-along - 9.0 am.

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Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner and jumper day

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Crafts afternoon 1.30pm

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Christmas Concerts 9.30am and 2.00pm

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Christmas Concert 2.30pm

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – school closes for Christmas

