

Buttercup Class Newsletter



Our topic this half term is In The Wild

English

In class we will be... looking at characters within a narrative setting and looking at the emotional responses to issues and dilemmas faced in a story. The children will write their own version of the story 'Grendel' by David Lucas. We will also learn about non-chronological reports and we will write our own report on wild animals. The children will learn how to write a letter using letter writing features.

At home you can... talk about different books e.g. non-fiction books which give you information and how they differ from fiction books. You can use your story map from the writing workshop to discuss and write different stories. Read daily with your child and ask questions to ensure they understand the book they are reading.

Maths

In class we will be... reading and writing numbers to at least 100 and exploring what each digit in a 2/3 digit number represents. We will be solving problems using + - x and ÷. We will also learn properties of 2D and 3D shapes and begin to learn about right angles and recognise them in 2D shapes.

At home you can... Read numbers in the environment (e.g. house numbers, buses) and practise counting on and back in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s. You can also recognise shapes in buildings and create shape pictures and patterns using a ruler. Continue to encourage your child to practise their 2x, 3x, 5x and 10x tables which will support their understanding of maths concepts in school.

R.E.

In class we will be... learning about the Buddhist faith and how Buddhists worship. They will also learn how Buddhists live their lives according to the teachings of their faith.

At home you can... talk about different religions and communities and how we belong. You can visit Canada Water Library to find books about Buddhism to learn more about the religion.

Class Information

P.E. is on Monday and Friday and all children require their full Albion PE kit.

Homework: Children are expected to read every night. Spellings are given on a Monday and to be learnt for a test on Friday.

Maths will be given on a Friday and should be returned on the following Monday.

Important dates:

Parents evening is on Thursday 19th January 2017.

We will visit Whipsnade Zoo as part of our topic on Wednesday 18th January 2017.

Maths workshop is on the 9th February 2017.

Science

In class we will be... learning about animals and their offspring. We will talk about the five different groups of animals; mammals, fish, amphibians, birds and reptiles. The children will also learn about different food chains in the environment.

At home you can... discuss animals that live in the local area and name baby/adult animals. You can talk about the differences between animals that live in the wild and animals we care for at home. You can play games by describing their features and your child has to guess the animal.

Topic

In class we will be... using maps in Geography to find out where different animals come from. We will also learn to name and locate the 7 different continents in the world. In D.T. we will develop our sewing skills to make our own animal puppets. In Computing, using our knowledge of animals, we will create branching databases. In Art, the children will develop their ideas to create a class sculpture linked to our topic.

At home you can... take a look at different maps and locate where you live or where you have visited on the map. You can also visit Surrey Docks Farm to observe animals in different environments. You can practise sewing a simple pattern or design.