

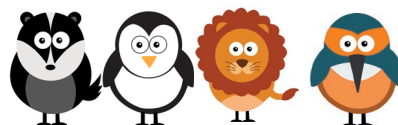
# Key Stage 2 Newsletter Autumn Term 2021



Tannery Drift  
First School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our new school year and to all our new children, families and staff. We are so proud of how well the children have settled back in to life at Tannery Drift and we thank you for all your support in this first week. We have planned lots of exciting learning for this term and this newsletter will give you a taste of what the children will be learning about during the Autumn Term. Curriculum Overviews for the Autumn term are also available on the school website on the class pages to give you further information. Any support you are able to provide on these topics will enrich the children's learning experiences.

## Topics and Themes

### *Year 3*

Our history topic this term is 'From Stone Age to Iron Age', in which we will be learning about prehistory and how early man developed, exploring what they ate, how they lived and their technological developments.

### *Year 4*

Our history topic this term is Anglo-Saxons and the Viking invasion. We will learn about why the Angles, Saxons and Jutes came to the Kingdoms of Britain. We will investigate what life was like as an Anglo-Saxon in Britain and discuss the conversion to Christianity before learning about the Viking invasion.

## More Curriculum Information

Half-termly curriculum maps detailing themes and learning outcomes across all areas of the curriculum, can be found on our class pages of the school website.

The Maths and English sections of the website contain detailed information on year group objectives and methods.

## Reading

Of course, reading helps to enrich your child's language and makes them a better writer. Reading together and experiencing the wonders of a book is one of the most valuable ways of helping your child learn. Children are encouraged to read for pleasure and have a wide selection of books to choose from. Please ensure an adult signs the Reading Record.

### Year 3

In Year 3, Mrs Grainger teaches Penguin Class, supported by Mrs Patterson; Mrs Davies and Mrs France teach Badger Class, supported by Mrs Tasev. Mrs Goodyear teaches the Penguins on a Tuesday morning.

Please look on the class pages on our website for more details about each class.

### Year 4

In Year 4, Miss Seymour teaches Kingfisher Class, supported by Mrs Jacklin and Mrs Brierley; Miss Jones teaches Lion Class, supported by Mrs McQueen. Mrs Goodyear teaches in Lion class on a Monday afternoon and the Kingfisher class on a Wednesday afternoon and Thursday.

Please look on the class pages on our website for more details about each class.

## PE

All children in KS2 will be encouraged to be active every day, from the daily mile to active English/maths sessions and formal PE lessons. Children will need to come to school wearing their PE kit on their PE day, as follows:

Badger Class: Tuesday

Penguin Class: Tuesday

Lion Class: Wednesday and Friday

Kingfisher Class: Wednesday and Friday

## Cloakroom

Please help your child to choose a small school bag or a school book bag that is appropriate to their needs. Our cloakrooms in Key Stage 2 are small in size and cannot accommodate large bags.

## Please name everything

Please ensure all uniform items including shoes, coats and water bottles are labelled.

## Equipment

Please remember suitable clothing for wet and cold weather. Warm, waterproof clothing is essential on colder days even if your child is normally driven to school. We encourage children to go outside in all weathers and will be outside for many lessons this term. Children must have indoor shoes to change into.

Please check that your child brings a water bottle to school - only water is permitted in the bottles. Children are encouraged to bring a snack to eat at morning break, this should ideally be fruit, vegetables, crackers or plain biscuits. No nut products, sweets or high sugar/salt items (such as cakes, crisps, chocolate biscuits etc.) are allowed as we follow the 'Healthy Schools' initiative.

## Dates for your diary

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September: Kingfisher Class Assembly\*

Week beginning Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September: Bike to School Week

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October: Badger Class Assembly\*

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October: Parent Consultations

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October: Lion Class Assembly\*

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November: Penguin Class Assembly\*

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November: Arts Week Art Gallery

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November: Kingfisher Class Assembly\*

\*class assemblies will continue to be recorded and a link will be sent to you to watch them at home with your child.

## Punctuality

Please ensure that all children arrive in school on time and ready to learn each morning. Lessons and learning start promptly every day. Thank you for your support.

## Home Learning

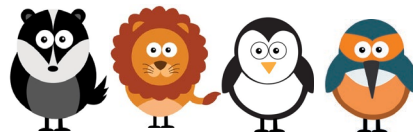
Please support your child with their reading at home by reading at least three times each week. As children become more fluent readers, checking their comprehension and understanding of a text is key. Spelling Shed continues to be used at home for children in Key Stage 2, words will be set weekly to support the learning of statutory spellings. Look out for more information about children's log-ins as this will be sent out soon.

By the end of Year 4, children need to know all their times tables up to 12x12. Please practise times tables regularly at home.

We hope children are also enjoying '100 Things To Do Whilst At Tannery Drift'. Copies can be downloaded from the class pages on the school website.

Best wishes from

## The Key Stage 2 Team



*Enjoyment, achievement, respect*