
Widening Horizons, Raising Aspirations

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Dear Parents/ Carers, Welcome back!

Following an excellent start to our academic year, we welcome the children back to Term Two. We are all looking forward to another exciting term in the build up to Christmas.

Year 1

Welcome back to year 1 and Jeffers Class! We hope you have all enjoyed the half term and are ready to continue with the fantastic learning from last term.

In **English** we will be exploring two new texts, "The Storm Whale," by Benji Davies and "One day on our blue planet: In the Savannah," by Ella Bailey. Through these texts, the children will be exploring setting descriptions, writing from a certain point of view, retelling a narrative and writing a non-chronological report linking to the animals we will be learning about in Science.

Within our **Maths** lessons we will be focusing on addition and subtraction, exploring different fact families and number bonds to 10. Following on from this will we begin to explore different 2D and 3D shapes, ordering them and putting them in different groups.

Our afternoons will continue to be filled with exciting subject based activities as they were last term. Our Animals (including Humans) topic in **Science** this term will involve learning about different classifications and food groupings. In **History**, we will be looking at the significance of Bonfire Night and exploring the events that lead to this celebration. We will also be starting our new **RSHE** topic, 'Celebrating difference' within our Jigsaw lessons. Our **D.T** topic this term will involve making puppets around a Christmas theme. **PE** will continue to be on Monday and Friday and the children should come to school in their PE kit.

Year 2

We are delighted to welcome the children back to Donaldson and Rosen class this term.

In **English**, our primary text for the term will be "Pattan's Pumpkin," by Chitra Soundar. From this text the children will explore more ambitious language, looking at setting description and also use the story

to create a news report. Our other text is, "The Diary of a Killer Cat," by Anne Fine, which the children will use to retell a narrative and also write their own diary entries.

Our **Maths** focus for this term will centre around addition and subtraction before moving on to exploring different 2D and 3D shapes. Applying what they have learnt about place value, the children will learn to add and subtract 1-digit and 2-digit numbers, find 10 more and 10 less than a 2-digit number, solve missing number problems, name and identify 2D and 3D as well as describing the properties of these.

In **Science**, continuing with the Animals (including humans) topic, we will now be moving on to look at different life cycles, looking at our own life cycles and comparing this to other living things. Our focus will be identifying, classifying and grouping.

This term we will begin our first **Geography** topic which will explore British Farming, linking to Global awareness. We will explore the importance of farming here in Britain.

Our **D.T** topic this term will focus on different mechanisms, leading to a final product of a moving monster.

PE will now be on Monday and Friday and we will continue to ensure that we have daily physical activity.

Children **MUST** bring Ocean Diaries and **reading books** in to school daily as this supports them with reading and spelling practise in school. We will be putting books outside in coming days so that you can be involved in selecting and changing your child's reading book. Mrs Wotton will be on hand to help. The expectation is now that children read to an adult at home **at least 3 times per week** and the diary is signed. This will then earn Reading Stars which in turn will lead to each class earning a whole class reward. Our weekly spelling words will also be sent home this week to help your children to read and spell these key words independently.

Kind regards,

The KS1 Team