

Tigers' Class

Autumn Newsletter

Dear Parents and carers,

We hope you all had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to the year ahead.

The transition between Reception and Year 1 is always a big one; but having spent so much time in Kittens at the end of the summer term, we know that the children are ready for Year 1 and will quickly adapt to the new routines and expectations.

Mrs Ahlquist will be teaching on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Mrs Dearman will be teaching on Thursdays and Fridays. We are lucky enough to have Mrs Norden as our learning support assistant and she is in class with us five days a week. If there is anything you would like to discuss with us, then please pop in after school or send a message on Dojo.

Please do bear in mind however, that we may be unable to check Dojo whilst teaching so please send important messages to the office. We will do our very best to help and our door is always open to you. Best wishes, Mrs Ahlquist, Mrs Dearman and Mrs Norden.

English	Maths	Science	Geography/History
<p>We begin the term by teaching a series of lessons about what makes a good quality sentence so that all children become confident at orally composing sentences before recording them.</p> <p>We will then complete units on poetry, setting description, instructional writing and stories with a familiar setting.</p>	<p>We will follow the schools Maths Mastery Programme starting with numbers within 10. Throughout the term we will then look at addition and subtraction within 10, shape and patterns, numbers to 20 and addition and subtraction within 20.</p>	<p>In science, we begin the term by looking at the seasons and weather. Later in the term, we will be learning all about plants.</p>	<p>In geography, the children will be learning about the 7 continents and 5 oceans. Later in the term, we will learn about the countries that make up the United Kingdom.</p> <p>In history, we focus on changes within living memory and look at how the shops have changed in Kedington over the last 50 years.</p>

Art and DT

In our drawing unit, we will experiment with different drawing tools and in our painting unit we will learn about primary colours and the dip, dip, dab method.

In DT, we will learn about mechanisms and make our own card sliders products and then we will investigate what makes a successful structure.

PE

Our PE lessons are on Tuesday and Thursday. Children will need to come to school in their PE kits and wear them all day. PE is taught by our sports coaches and will include work indoors and outdoors.

Forest School

Forest school takes place on Monday afternoons. The information leaflet about this can be accessed via class Dojo. Please ensure your child brings their clothing in each week to change into. At the end of the day on a Monday, please collect your child from the **outdoor classroom** at the bottom of the field.

Home Learning

Please refer to our homework grid on Showbie for weekly tasks. This will include sharing a knowledge organiser each week. These are all uploaded onto Showbie. Talk together with your child about it; reading some of the key words and discussing what they mean and look at any images.

We will also set a phonics task that will link to our learning in Sounds Write each week.

Reading and Phonics

Reading and phonics are an integral part of our teaching in Year 1. Our daily phonics lessons revise sounds the children learnt last year and teach them new ones to help them progress in their reading and writing. We will hear your child read 1:1 as much as we can, but your help at home listening to your child read at least four times a week is vital too. Please record this in their reading records and bring this, along with their books, into school every day.

Your child will receive 2 books each week to read. One book is phonically decodable and aligns to our phonics teaching in class. These will be issued every Monday. Please encourage your child to re-read their books to improve their reading fluency. You could also ask questions about the book to help with your child's understanding and comprehension.

Showbie

You will need to join Tigers' class on Showbie to access our home learning as you did last year. The new code is: **HAHCD**

Please send your child in with a named water bottle each day. Fruit is provided, but you can also send fruit in for your child to eat at playtime if you wish.