



Cheetahs' Class Newsletter Spring Term 2018



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a truly wonderful Christmas! Cheetahs' Class have had a fantastic start to the new year; coming back to school full of enthusiasm, smiling faces and a super 'ready to learn' attitude!

Who teaches Cheetahs?

We are pleased to welcome Miss Mary Johannes, a PGCE student from the UEA, to the class. Mary will be with us until half term and then again for several weeks in the summer term. I know you will all offer your support as she continues her journey to becoming a qualified teacher. We will also be welcoming Mrs Pell back into the classroom on Thursday 1st February - I know Mrs Pell is really looking forward to getting back into teaching and working with your fantastic children!

What are we learning this term?

Our main topic this term is: Extreme Earth! The class will be introduced to the wilder side of the world. We will be finding out all about the Earth's extremes, from raging tropical storms to violent erupting volcanoes to terrifying towering tsunamis. We will also explore how these extremes affect people, communities and landscapes.

In Science the children will be learning all about eating and digestion. The children discover the diets of different animals, as well as how humans eat and digest food.

In our R.E lessons this term we will be studying Hinduism. The children will be exploring some of the beliefs and practises and how these affect the daily lives of Hindus. We will be thinking carefully about two key questions: *How can Brahman be everywhere and in everything? And How was Mahatma Gandhi influenced by the concept of Ahimsa?*

What can you do at home?

Homework will continue to be set as follows...

- **Reading for Pleasure** -READ, READ, READ! Anything and Everything! Ideally, we ask that children share in a reading experience at least 3 times a week and that this is recorded in the reading record.
- **Spelling** - Each child has a list of words, linked to a spelling rule, to take home every week. Children will be tested on these word every Friday.

- *Home Learning* - children will continue to have a 'home learning' book. There will be a choice of tasks for the children to complete. The work will be completed in the books and should be neatly presented using a pencil or handwriting pen to write. There will be guidelines of expectations of the task but also freedom to be creative and allow pupils and parents to work together.

*Please make sure the recording sheets are completed. **Homework should not be handed in unless these sheets are completed.** There is a copy of the recording sheet on the Cheetahs Class page of the website which means you can download and type straight onto it. If you unable to print then please email to the school office.*

PE

P.E. lessons take place on a Monday and Friday. Please ensure that your child has the correct kit, including both indoor and outdoor kits. The details for these can be found in your school brochure. If children have pierced ears, studs **MUST** be removed before PE. Children need **BOTH** trainers and plimsolls in school.

We look forward to a very exciting and rewarding Spring Term ☺

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