



## Cheetahs' Class Newsletter Summer Term 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and were able to enjoy some of the sunny days!

The summer term is always our busiest - we have our end of year assessment tests, reports, our whole school performance, and sports day to look forward to!

With so much going on we know the timetable will become more flexible so please bear with us but we will endeavour to keep you informed of any changes that may come up.

### Who teaches Cheetahs?

Mrs Sales will continue to teach the class Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday and Mrs Pell will continue to teach the class Thursday and Friday. Miss Johannes, our PGCE student from the UEA, will be returning to us part way through May as she begins her final placement. Miss Johannes will take over a great deal of teaching during this placement but this will, of course, be under the direct supervision of Mrs Sales and Mrs Pell.

### What are we learning this term?

Our main topic this term is: The Stone Age! The class will journey across millions of years of prehistory with this KS2 topic for Year 3 and Year 4. The children will be questioning how palaeontologists and archaeologists find out what the world was like millions of years ago. They'll discover and explore dinosaurs, early man and Ice Age animals, as well as investigating what life was like in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age.

Within R.E, our two big focus questions will be:

#### **How was Mahatma Gandhi influenced by the concept of Ahimsa?**

This question will be considered for 5 weeks. The children will be looking at what Hindus believe and how it affects their daily lives. They will look at a typical daily life of a Hindu. They will investigate Dharma, Karma, Samsara, Ahimsa and Puja.

#### **What do Christians learn from the creation story?**

This question will be considered for 7 weeks. The children will be thinking about how God the Creator cares for the creation including human beings. This will be linked to the book of Genesis and what Christians believe about God and Creation. They will think about what might be important in the creation story for Christians living today and for people who are not Christians.

### 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. If you do not record in the reading record your child will be missing out on collecting reading miles.
- *Spelling* - Each child has a list of words, linked to a spelling rule, to take home every week. Children will be tested on these words 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.**

### PE

Due to swimming, P.E. lessons will take place on a Monday and Tuesday for the 1<sup>st</sup> half of term but return to Monday and Friday for the second half of the term.

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.

Swimming begins on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April for 6 weeks.

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

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