



Cheetahs' Class Newsletter Autumn Term 2016



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to a new school year in the Cheetahs class, both to those returning and to our new friends. This letter is to give you all the information you will need for this term. We have tried to include all the relevant information, but if we have missed anything, or have been unclear please let us know!

Please find attached to this letter an updated copy of Cheetahs' class timetable.

Who teaches Cheetahs?

Our class has 2 part-time teachers; Mrs Sales is our class teacher Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Pell teaches the class Thursday and Friday. We also have Mrs Platt and Mrs Ryan supporting the class every day. Mr Hall will continue to teach computing and Music and we welcome Mrs Mayhew who will be teaching the class P.E on a Monday.

What we will be learning this term?

Our main topic this term is 'The Ancient Egyptians'. As a class we will journey back to the land of the Pharaohs and discover the fascinating world of ancient Egyptian history. We will learn about: the River Nile and its role in ancient life; Tutankhamen and the story of his tomb discovery; the grisly process of mummification; the pyramids; daily life in ancient Egypt; the importance of remaining artefacts; and much, much more!

In Science the children will be learning all about Sound and investigating how sound is made and how it reaches our ears. The class will have the opportunity to investigate how sounds are produced on different types of musical instruments and how these instruments can be used to create notes of different pitch and volume.

After half term the children will be learning all about rocks, fossils and soils. We will find out about different kinds of rocks and what they can be used for, explore a variety of soils and find out how they are formed, discover the fascinating world of fossils, as well as undertaking a variety of experiments to get our Science skills rock solid!

Our R.E lessons this term will focus on Christianity. We will begin by exploring the Holy Trinity before moving on to discuss Salvation. We will be thinking about and exploring the question: What difference does it make to Christians personally when they understand that they 'are saved'? To link in with this topic we have planned a trip to Norwich Cathedral on the 27th September (more details to follow shortly)

What can you do at home?

Completing small pieces of homework is an invaluable way of supporting your child(ren) with their learning. Homework will be set as follows...

- *Reading* -we ask that children read at least 3 times a week and that this is recorded in the reading record. The children will all have a reading target which will help to guide you in supporting their next step of learning.
- *Spelling* - Each child has a list of words, linked to a spelling rule, to take home every week. Children will work with a partner to test each other every Tuesday.
- *Home Learning* - children will each have a 'home learning' book. There will be a choice of tasks for the children to complete with an expectation of completing three a half term. 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.

Any problems with homework need to be addressed as quickly as possible so please come and speak to us the moment issues begin to arise.

PE

P.E. lessons take place on a Monday and Wednesday. 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 this year will take place in the summer term.

Water Bottles

Children are encouraged to bring in their own water bottle into class. While they are able to use the water fountain, it is easier for the children to access their bottles in the classroom. Please ensure the water bottles are named and only have water in them!

Joining in

Are you interested in helping out in school? If you feel you could spare an hour a week to hear readers please come and speak to Mrs Sales.

Communication

Each child will be issued with a home communication book. In here you can write any messages to us e.g. If your child is to be collected from school by someone other than their normal parent/ carer. If you write a message in the book please remind your child to hand it in!

Finally, we very much look forward to working with you and your child as we start this busy and exciting term. We are always around after, so please feel welcome to come and see us with any queries you may have.

Anna Sales

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