



Dragonflies Newsletter Autumn Term

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Autumn Term in Dragonflies class! I hope that you have all had a restful but enjoyable break. We are excited to welcome back the children for a fantastic term of learning.

This term our topic will be ***Famous for more than 5 minutes!*** We will be learning about Historical explorers, such as: Christopher Columbus, Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay, Neil Armstrong and Amelia Earhart, recognising how they have influenced life today and the significance of their achievements. We will also be using this learning opportunity of significant individuals to compare the UK mountains with Mount Everest. Our topic provides the children with cross-curricular learning, with opportunities to recount on their own exploration experience, to create and write their own visual poem, instructions on how to climb Mount Everest and a chance to unleash their own imagination in writing their very own adventure narrative.

PE lessons will be every Monday and Thursday afternoon this term and Miss Rowe and Mr M will be teaching the class every Monday afternoon during my non-contact time.

Homework grids will also be sent home, which include a variety of tasks based on learning covered this half term. Children can either choose one task every couple of weeks, or spend longer completing a bigger task over a series of weeks. There are no rules on how many tasks are to be completed but there will be rewards for those children who engage in them! The children will be given a homework book to complete the tasks, in which they bring in and share with the class. We will share, celebrate and give feedback to children on the last Thursday and Friday afternoon before each half term (Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th October). Please bring in your homework on these dates.

Children will be given a homework planner to record their home reading and weekly homework tasks.

Each week the expectations are to:

-Read at least 4 times a week

-Login to Times Tables Rockstars for at least 5 minutes three times a week

As a parent/carer, we ask that you record the homework completed. In the reading diary, please write down whether they have read (and to what page), and whether they have completed spelling practice or TTRS also.

On a final note, I would like to emphasise how important it is for your child to be accessing TT Rockstars and practising as much as possible, as well as reading at home for pleasure. Login details will be stuck in the front of their reading diary.

The following page shows the different learning that will take place over the Autumn Term.



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	Autumn 1	Autumn 2
English	Recount Visual Poem Man on the Moon – Simon Bartram	Instructions Adventure Narrative Charlie and the Chocolate Factory – Roald Dahl
Maths	Place Value Addition & Subtraction	Addition & Subtraction Multiplication and division
Science	Materials	Living things and their Habitats
RE	Christianity	
Computing	Creating Media – Making Music	Computing Systems
PSHE	Me and my relationships	Valuing Difference
DT		Mechanisms
Art	Exploring Van Gogh	
Music	Exploring Simple Patterns	Dynamics and Tempo
History	Famous Explorers	
Geography		Comparing the UK to Mount Everest
PE	Team building PE Skills	Fitness

All of the Knowledge Organisers for the topics above will be sent home to you. This will give you a comprehensive outline of what is covered throughout each unit and enable you to support learning from home.

I look forward to exploring and learning this term with your children; any questions or queries please do not hesitate to ask.

Kind Regards,
Miss McPherson