



Combe Martin School

Dolphins Class

Summer Term 2023



We hope you had a wonderful Easter and a restful spring break. It is wonderful to see the children back in school and we are looking forward to the exciting learning opportunities we have this term.

Summer Term reminders

Every day the children should be bringing to school: spelling books; reading books with journals; fully-charged chromebooks; a piece of fruit as a snack for breaktime; a filled water bottle and a hat when the weather gets warmer.

PE will continue to be on Mondays and we will have swimming on a Friday afternoon with the last date being on Friday 7th July. Please send the children into school on Mondays dressed in their PE kits so they will not be changing in school. PE kits should include: a thin weather-proof coat, well-fitting trainers, black or navy shorts or tracksuit trousers, a white T-shirt and a navy jumper which can be the school jumper. For swimming, please ensure the children bring in their swimming costume, towel and swimming hat if they have one. They will be changing at school prior to leaving at 1.30 pm and will change back into their school uniform before their return. Please make sure that your child's name is in all their kit.

Science

During our science lessons this term we are studying 'Plants' and 'Living Things in their Habitats'. We will be devising fair tests, and hope to work in the school's outside environment, and visit the beach to study the rock pools. We will then move on to 'States of Matter' which involves studying solids, liquids and gases. We hope to incorporate some cooking activities into this science unit.

History



In history this term, we are studying Ancient Egypt and looking at the achievements of this early civilisation. We will begin the topic with an overview of where and when the earliest civilisations began and then we will begin an in-depth study of the Ancient Egyptians. We are planning an 'Egyptian Day' which will include a variety of activities, such as crafts, food and clothing.

How can you help your child prepare for their project?

You could talk about what they already know about Ancient Egypt, perhaps they have read Horrible History books or magazines? We will share a knowledge organiser with you and the children, which will give an overview of the topic. We will also be sending home a Home Learning Grid with a choice of activities for the children to work on.

Art, DT and ICT

For ICT we will be looking at photo editing software, learning these skills and considering its use in the media. As part of our Art and DT work we will be working with the National Trust and the MED theatre to participate in creative workshops in response to the themes of change and restoring habitat and wildlife.

English

We will continue to practise the the Year 3 and 4 National Curriculum spelling words, and our punctuation and grammar lessons will focus on the use of commas to separate clauses, fronted adverbials and items in a list; subordinating conjunctions; ellipses; and paragraphing work to organise ideas. We will be writing stories, newspaper articles and recounts, some of which will be linked to our topic. We will continue to learn model texts and hope that the children can share their learning with you at home by showing you the texts we learn with actions. This approach to the teaching of writing is one which we use throughout the school and its main objective is that when the children learn texts they are more able to use and adapt the language of the learnt text in their own writing. We have been really pleased with the results of this approach, and we can see the impact it is having on the children's writing.

Reading

We will be continuing with our class reader: The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe. We will also be continuing to teach reading on a daily basis: helping the children to answer questions by retrieving information from a variety of texts, explaining their thinking, inferring and summarising the main points. The children will also have individual reading books matched to their current skill level, and it is the school's expectation that all children read at home daily with their parents/carers and make a note of it in their reading journals. This term the children will also have a weekly library book to share with you at home. Although these library books can be kept for longer than a week, please remind the children to look after them carefully and return them when they are finished with them.

Maths



This term we will continue to split KS2 into their year groups for maths. The Year 4 children will still be taught by Mrs Railston along with the other Year 4 children from Puffins. The Year 3 children will continue to be taught by Mrs Adams and Mrs Peters on their respective days. The children in both year groups will be working on a range of mathematics this term, including money, time and shape. You can support your child by helping them to read time on analogue and digital clocks and help them to count money and find change.

Multiplication Check Reminder

In June this year all Year 4 children in the country are required to take a Multiplication Check. This will take the form of an online check to determine whether Year 4 pupils can fluently recall their multiplication tables. The check will assess whether the children can **quickly** recall times table facts – the children have 7 seconds to answer each question. Please help your child practise their times tables facts. The **Sound Check** part of Times Tables Rockstars is set up to be like the check so it is good for the children to regularly do a Sound Check. If your child is currently in Year 3 then this is something they can prepare for by continuing to practise their times tables at home using Times Tables Rockstars.



Character Education and Super Learners

We will be continuing to learn how to develop our character, thinking about how to become inspiring change makers. We will be exploring different character virtues throughout the term. We have weekly assemblies on Mondays linked to our virtues and we will be exploring themes within class too. On Thursdays we have our Celebration Assemblies when we celebrate those children who have been caught using character virtues during the week.

If you have any questions or would like to find out more about our work this term, please do come and see us, contact us via Class Dojo or through email: a.peters@alumnismat.org and l.adams@alumnismat.org

Here's to an enjoyable, fun filled and exciting Summer Term!

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