



Giraffe Class Summer 2024 Newsletter

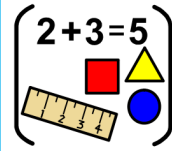


Theme: Treasure Island

Early English and Phonic Awareness



To begin with, Giraffe Class are going to be learning about cartoons exploring books around Thomas the Tank engine. In non fiction we are learning about non chronological reports about woodland animals and in poetry we are looking at pattern and rhyme with 10 little pirate This term our Phonic Awareness will start to consider initial sounds and blending and segmenting.



Early Maths

During the first term, we will be looking at addition and subtraction Pupils will experience joining in with a range of number songs through interaction with objects and using symbols to fill in gaps. We will be using Numicon. We will be exploring numbers measurement and space, shape and colour. We are using Numicon in a variety of multisensory learning experiences including number songs and rhymes and we explore other mathematical concepts through play-based learning.



Early Science

We will be learning about different materials and their properties, what they are made out of and their characteristics we will also be exploring floating and sinking.

Physical Development



The theme this term is fielding games and athletics. We will be looking and sending and receiving different objects and looking at different movements including running and jumping.



Early PSHE

Early PSHE this term, we are learning about dealing with touch and taking care of ourselves.

Early Computing

In Early Computing we will be looking at mark making and making e-books exploring these and then making our own.

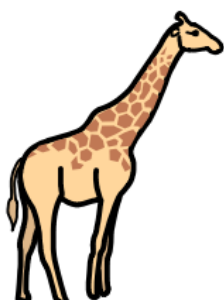


Discovery

Our focus in Discovery this term is on geography and maps explore world maps, maps of our local area and making our own treasure maps.

Creative

In Creative lessons we will be exploring artwork around maps and the London underground, in D+T we are making our own boats.



Other



Your child will also have the opportunity to participate in a range of play and adult-led activities linked to our theme such as imaginative play, water / sand play, stories, puppets, role play with dolls, animal and number songs and rhymes, sensory mark making, playdough, inset puzzles and jigsaws, sorting, counting, creative activities, cooking, computer activities, using the interactive whiteboard, iPad and Magic Carpet and outdoor play.

Soft play and the Sensory room will be accessed weekly to provide opportunities for PPP targets to be completed and sensory diets fulfilled. **Outdoor learning** Please send in wellies, waterproofs and spare clothes for your child as there will always be access to water and messy play activities outside to meet sensory needs and EHCP targets. We will be going out in all weathers where safe to do so, so please send in these outdoor clothing items as they are required to enable full access to the curriculum. Thank you if you have already sent some in.

Hydrotherapy will be on a Tuesday afternoon, kit will be required. **Physical Development** will be on a Thursday afternoon, kit will be required.

Music will be on Monday mornings and after half term we will have Del the music man to deliver sessions.

Staff in Giraffe Class:-

Abi Parsons - Class Teacher

Steph Sabin - HLTA

Inga Rumniece - Teaching Assistant

Syeda Khan - HLTA

Katie Pilsbury - Teaching Assistant

Elisha Thompson - Special Needs Support Worker

Plus an additional teaching assistant / SNSW.

School Life

Everyday we will let you know what we have been doing in class via the School Life app. You can message the class team through the app or email myself using the class email. Tgiraffe@old-park.dudley.sch.uk.

We look forward to sharing all our news with you. If you have any news from home or information you need to share, we would love to hear from you!

Evidence for Learning (EFL)

This is where we record our pupils' learning and achievements through photos, videos and observations. We will send at least one observation home a week with a photo or video.

Family Learning Sessions

Throughout the year we host family learning sessions in class. Please come and join us, get to know the people who are working with your child and see how your child learns at school. It is also a great chance to meet other families.