



Giraffe Class Spring 2024 Newsletter

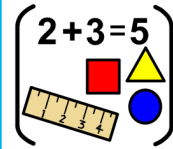


Theme: Special Stories

Early English and Phonic Awareness



To begin with, Giraffe Class are going to be learning about stories with patterned language using 'We're going on a Bear Hunt'. In non fiction we are learning about postcards looking at meerkat mail and Paddington's post - look out for a postcard heading your way soon. In poetry we are learning about creating poetry using the senses, exploring tap the magic tree and nature for our ideas. This term our Phonic Awareness will start to consider initial sounds and blending and segmenting.



Early Maths

During the first term, we will be revisiting our number work. 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 including multiplication and division, 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 animals and their habitats looking at where animals live, how to look after animals and what they need to survive in the wild.

Physical Development



The theme this term is team games then gymnastics. We will explore problem solving skills and working together, and then after half term we will explore moving over and under equipment working on fundamental movements.



Early PSHE

Early PSHE this term, we are learning about being and keeping healthy. We will explore different foods and ways to keep ourselves healthy.

Early Computing

In Early Computing we will be looking at how things work and giving directions and commands - using technology to complete games and make items move.



Discovery

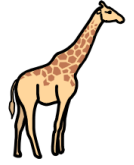
Our focus in Discovery this term is on RE and special stories. We will be exploring the different creation stories and looking at Noah's Ark.

Creative

In Creative lessons we will be creating our own textiles looking at Peruvian textiles focusing on patterns and colours. After half term we will be cooking; looking at making food for special events including hot cross buns and Easter bread and eggs.



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 - Teaching Assistant

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.