



Year F NEWSLETTER

Spring 2 Term 2021

Our Theme is Fantastic Beasts



What makes animals so fantastic?

Throughout the remainder of this half-term, we will be learning about animals that live in water and dinosaurs. In 'Fred Learning' we will continue to learn our 'blends' and 'Walter the Wizard' will teach us some new 'tricky' words. In Maths we will consolidate addition and subtraction, and also solve missing number/word problems using those operations. As part of our RE learning, we will discuss different celebrations in the build up to Easter.

These are key learning objectives we will be covering in English and Mathematics

In reading we will be learning to:

- read and understand simple sentences
- use phonic knowledge to decode regular words and read them aloud accurately
- read some common irregular words

In writing we will be learning to:

- begin to write short sentences in meaningful contexts

In mathematics we will be learning to:

- count reliably with numbers from 1 to 20 and place them in order
- use quantities and objects to add and subtract two single-digit numbers and count on or back to find the answer

Back Together Again

Now that all children are back in school again, to support them with their mental health and wellbeing we will be focussing on the following areas: Safety, Friendships and Caring, Achievement and Resilience.

Keeping the children safe in school is our priority, so over the first week we will talk a lot about how we kept safe at home and how we will continue to stay in school, and outside. There will be an increased focus on our CARE code and behaviour expectations – reminding the children of how they can CARE for themselves and others and keep everyone safe. As our theme is 'Fantastic Beasts' we will discuss how we care for animals at home and in zoos. It is really important that the children reconnect as a group, so there will be a focus upon friendship and relationships which will also include an introduction of some new 'Magic Minutes' from Trick Box to support with mindfulness. We will continue to develop the children's achievement and resilience through promoting positive learning attitudes and effort.

To support this learning, we will be using resources from SCARF education, Place2Be and Trick Box as well as our Personal Development Learning (PDL) curriculum as usual.

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PE Days - we will continue to have **PE on a Thursday morning** so all the children will need to come to school changed in their outdoor PE kit (tracksuit). On a Wednesday morning we have Yoga, so any girls wearing a skirt/dress will need a pair of shorts underneath.

Water bottles - please ensure that your child always has a named water bottle in school. This will be re-filled when empty. It will be taken home each day to be washed and then must come back into school.

Please ensure your child brings their book bag every day. Your child's book will be changed on a Friday. **Please return your child's book promptly otherwise we can't give out a new one!**

Healthy fruit snacks are being provided in school so you don't have to supply your child with their own.

If you took your child's wellies home before Christmas, can we please have them back in school for COAT days and other messy outdoor learning. Similarly, if waterproofs are at home could we please have those back too.

COAT day will continue to be on a Monday, so old clothes and trainers should be worn.

During this half term, we would like to provide opportunities for the children to make models out of recycled materials. If you have any cardboard boxes, egg boxes, tubes, plastic bottles etc. we would love to start a collection. This will be quarantined for the allotted time before use.

Dates of Special Events in Year F

We are hoping to organise an Easter Egg Hunt (not chocolate ones though) in the last week of the half-term before the Easter break.

Thank you for your continued support,
Year F Team