January 2023

Dear Parents and carers of children in Seahorse Class,

Welcome back to a new term and a new year. We’re sure the children have enjoyed their Christmas break and hope they are happy to be back at school for an exciting new term.

**Literacy**

This term, we will be basing our literacy on The Iron Man by Ted Hughes. We hope to enjoy the story and discuss its meaning, while exploring the plot, settings, characters and learn to draw inferences. We will be using the book as a base for much of our written work and write descriptions, non-fiction texts and newspaper reports, with an emphasis on building a varied vocabulary and an awareness of our readers.

Year 2 – Will continue to develop their phonic knowledge and learn spelling rules.

Year 3 – Will build on their grammar and cover adverbs, prepositions, speech and tenses.

**Maths**

We will begin the term by revisiting place value and the four operations. We will be covering shape and space, fractions and time. In all our maths lessons, we try to encourage the children to use the skills they have learnt to problem solve and this term we will be focussing on developing a methodical approach to solve problems.

**Science**

Our topic this term is Forces and Magnets. We will be investigating pushes and pulls and in particular the affect of friction on a moving vehicle. We will also look at magnets and use magnetic force to move objects.

**R.E.**

We will be exploring Islam this term. Our Big Question will be, How does a Muslim show their submission and obedience to Allah?

We will be looking at sounds that people obey, such as fire alarms and sirens and then the sounds in the Muslim faith that call them to prayer.

**History**

This term, we will be learning about Ancient Egypt. This is an exciting period of history and we will be identifying its position on a time line, where Egypt is on a map, as well as learning all about life in these times.

**P.E.**

This term we will be swimming on a **Monday**. The girls will need a one-piece swimming costume and the boys tight fitting trunks, all need a towel, a swimming hat and if they want to wear goggles, they need a letter with your permission sent into school. Our second P.E. session of the week, will take place on **Friday.** This half term we will be learning to play hockey.

**Computing**

In computing, we will be using desktop publishing and looking at data and information. We will also be using and creating branching data bases.

**Music**

In music, we will be developing our listening and appraising skills through listening to a variety of different musical styles. We will be using the terms: tempo, dynamics and pitch as well as identifying as many instruments as we can.

**French**

In French, we will be practicing our colours and numbers and learning some songs to help us remember them.

**P.H.S.E:**

This term, our theme is Being Responsible. Children will be able to identify what things they have learnt to do for themselves, what duties they are responsible for daily, and how this will change as they grow. They will have opportunities to learn how they can help those around them, and the importance of taking responsibility for their own actions. They will also look at how they can set goals to improve their skills in an area of their choice.

**Outdoor Learning**

**Thursday**

This term we will be taking part in our outdoor learning programme. The children will be whittling, putting up shelters and learning how to tie knots to secure them. We hope to foster a love of the outdoors and learn about our environment. The children will need old, warm clothes to change into as we will be going outside whatever the weather.

If your child is doing a sport club on a day when they do not have PE, please send in a kit to change into for the end of the day, thank you.

We are looking forward to teaching your children this term, if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us. We can be contacted through the school office if you need to speak to us. For a time this term Mrs Butler and Mrs Lincoln will also be covering some lessons in class.

With best wishes,

Mrs. Rankin and Mrs. Simoes