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Whales Class Autumn 1 Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after a lovely, hot summer! We have a busy half term planned and our curriculum map can be found on the back of this letter. Please make sure your child has a named coat - you never know what weather we will be experiencing so it's best to come prepared! Please can we also take this opportunity to remind you that children should bring a named drink bottle each day and that it should contain water, not juice. Snacks brought from home need to be healthy (ie. no crisps/chocolate) and packed lunches should not include sweets.

Diary Dates

- **Tuesday 6 September - Friday 21 October 2022**
- **Half-term holiday: Monday 24 - Friday 28 October 2022**
- **Monday 31 October - Friday 16 December 2022**
- **Christmas holiday: Monday 19 December - Tuesday 3 January 2023**

Staff

Whales class will be taught by Mrs Gkikopoulos every morning Mon-Fri.

Whales will join Lions class in the afternoons and will be taught by Miss Baker on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Gkikopoulos will also teach the combined class on Wednesday afternoons.

Class Dojo



This year the school will be using the Class Dojo app to communicate with parents with regards to behaviour. By downloading this free app, you will be notified when your child is given house points and it will say what it is for. Parents will be sent an invitation shortly via a letter in your child's bag to join the class. Please note, teachers **will not** be responding to any messages sent on Class Dojo, so please continue to contact the school office for messages and enquiries.

Homework

All children are expected to **read for a minimum of 10 minutes daily**. They have been given a reading record book to record their reads (this can be done by themselves or by an adult). They will receive a Dojo point for being 'Responsible Readers'.

Children will receive a **weekly homework task in their homework books**. This will be set on a Friday, to be handed in on Thursdays. This will be a maths/English or Science based task.

Children are also expected to continue practising their **times tables skills using Times Table Rockstars**. Children should already have their login, but this will also be put in their homework books.

PE

PE will be on Thursday with Miss Baker. Children should wear their PE kit into school on that day. PE kit should be a plain white T-shirt and dark (navy/black) bottoms and jumper when needed (not hooded), plus suitable trainers.

Just one Norfolk

A reminder that justonenorfolk contains a wide range of information and support for families ranging from healthy eating, creating sleep routines, child development, family support, family break up and emotional needs to name but a few. <https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/>



With best wishes,
Mrs Gkikopoulos

<p style="text-align: center;">Science</p> <p>Whales will be learning all about plants this half term. We'll begin by reading 'The Story of Frog Belly Rat Bone' by Timothy Basil Ering</p>  <p>Children will be identifying parts of flowering plants, setting up an investigation into the effect of fertiliser on plant growth, discovering how water is transported in plants, and finding out about pollination and fertilisation.</p> <p><u>Key Vocab:</u> flower, petal, stem, roots, prediction, conclusion, transpiration, pollination, fertilisation.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mathematics</p> <p>We begin the term by revisiting and recapping Place Value and number, embedding our counting skills and partitioning 3 and 4 digit numbers. We will then move on to addition and subtraction later this half term. We will also be doing regular times table practice.</p> <p><u>Key Vocab:</u> place value, ones, tens, hundreds, thousands, partition, addition, subtraction, equals.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">English</p> <p>Children will be reading 'My Strong Mind' by Niels van Hove, and will be writing an instructional text on how to deal with challenging situations in their lives. 'Sentence Stacking' lessons will help the children develop their writing skills before writing their own instructions.</p>  <p><u>Key vocab:</u> imperative verbs, adverbs, question, bullet points, alliteration, complex sentence.</p> <p>We will also be doing daily 'Book Talk' sessions using the Jane Considine Reading Rainbow to improve reading skills. Additionally, we will have daily spelling/phonics and regular handwriting sessions.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">History</p> <p>In History we will be exploring and learning about the history of North Elmham. We have lots of lovely old photographs and maps to look at and to see the visual changes of the area and to explore why these changes may have occurred. In detail we will be looking at the railway, watermill and chapel.</p> <p><u>Key Vocab:</u> changes, disused, memorials, census.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Geography</p> <p>We will also be focussing on North Elmham in Geography. Looking closely at compass skills, types of maps, map reading and 4 and 6 figure grid references. As well as this, we will be looking at the use of a key within a map and creating sketch maps of North Elmham.</p> <p><u>Key Vocab:</u> ordnance survey, grid reference, compass, key, map, atlas.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Art and Design</p> <p>This half term, we will be exploring typography and drawing maps!</p>  <p>Children will investigate different typography styles and then create their own. We will then be designing our own maps and illustrating them using our new-found typography skills.</p> <p><u>Key vocab:</u> lettering, graphics, design, intention, visual impact</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">French</p> <p>Bonjour! Salut!</p> <p>This term we will be focussing on short conversational phrases and how we can use these to create sentences to greet each other and hold basic conversations.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Music</p> <p>In Music this term we will looking at the music from the musical Mamma Mia. This will involve learning the structure of songs linked to literacy and the music and styles of the 70s and 80s songs, as well as analysing performances.</p> <p><u>VOCAB:</u> Keyboard, electric guitar, bass, drums, improvise, compose, melody, pulse, rhythm,</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">PE</p> <p>This term we will be focussing on cognitive skills and multi skills. Which will get the children working together and using their hand eye coordination and agility. We will also talk about how being active is part of a healthy lifestyle and ways they could be active at home.</p> <p><u>Key vocab:</u> agility, coordination, teamwork.</p>