



Akrotiri School

Y2

Caterpillar, Mantis and Scorpion Classes Autumn Term 1 2019 - Information Guide

OUR LEARNING THIS TERM

Our topic is BEACHCOMBERS!

Our learning this half term will, as usual, encompass a range of skills to support the whole curriculum.

Writing: Writing an 'Overcoming the monster' story based upon The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch, writing an information booklet about Sea Turtles and a recount on our Beach trip.

Maths: We will be learning a range of methods to support our understanding of Addition and Subtraction.

Science: Our Science learning will encompass learning about life cycles of humans and animals.

Topic: We will support our understanding of Beachcombers with learning about countries, continents and oceans using an atlas, finding about Ordnance Survey maps and aerial views, spotting similarities and differences between places, finding out about shells including drawing, sketching and sculpting, and, of course, something Christmassy!!

VISITS AND ENRICHMENT

Mrs Dewan from 'Turtle Watch' will be visiting each class during the week of 10th September to talk to each class about turtles and how we can help to protect them, especially as at this time of year they are nesting on the beaches everyone like to visit. This will be followed up by a visit to 'Buttons Bay' which is one of the beaches on Akrotiri to see if we can find any signs of turtles and create some artwork on the beach. The date for this is to be confirmed so watch out for another letter!

HOME LEARNING

We will be sending 'home learning books' home on Friday with some learning activities. Spellings will be given weekly linked to the spelling pattern or phonic rule we have been focusing on that week. Please also regularly practice counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

READING Please ensure that reading books and reading records are in school every day. When you have read with your child, please initial in their reading record book. We would love children to read at least 3 times a week at home. When reading with your child, don't forget to ask them questions to ensure that they understand what they are reading. When your child finishes a book, they will take a reading quiz on the computer at school before they get a new book. Each quiz passed will give your child points, and will help them move up the reading sunflower. In addition to their home readers, children will be reading with us in whole class sessions at school.

USEFUL INFORMATION

PE happens throughout the week in Year 2, please ensure that PE kit is in school on a Monday and stays for the week. PE kit consists of a blue t-shirt, blue shorts and trainers/plimssoles.

Earrings should be sleepers, and bracelets and necklaces should not be worn to school. Children should not bring in toys/games into school.

Library Day: Wednesday for all Year 2 classes. Children will collect new library books starting from this Wednesday.

Class Dojo – please ensure that you have connected to Class Dojo to receive messages and see pictures of your child's learning. If you haven't yet connected, please speak to your child's teacher for a pass code. Keep an eye out for information soon about connecting to 'SeeSaw' too to see all the amazing things your children have been doing.

If you would like to volunteer at school to hear children read please see your child's teacher.

It has been lovely to see your children come in so refreshed and ready for learning after the Summer break. May we remind you that summer uniform can be worn, and that 'No Hat - No Play' is in force. Children should also have a refillable water bottle in school.