



Akrotiri School



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Turtle and Starfish classes
Spring 1 2023 - Information Guide

Welcome to Up, Up and Away! Our learning this half term will encompass a range of skills to support the whole curriculum. We will be exploring and investigating why and how things move in the wind and learn about wind/air as a force. We will learn that Akrotiri is an airport and that different aircraft fly from here as well as developing our understanding about history by comparing planes in the present to those of the past.

Prime areas: Behaviour expectations will be maintained and children will be encouraged to regulate their behaviour more independently, making good choices and learning to compromise with friends. Listening and attention skills will be further strengthened with the expectation that children are able to take turns in conversation and listen, so that they can follow instructions independently, whilst retaining information. Physical skills will continue to be developed and children will learn to manage their own belongings independently e.g. putting on and taking off jumpers, shoes and socks.

Reading: We will continue to work through phase one of our phonics programme, which includes identifying individual sounds, sequencing them and learning to orally blend and segment words. We will develop the use of related vocabulary such as first, last and middle. We will continue to share the love of reading through quality stories and texts, encouraging the children to predict, retell and sequence well known stories using story language.

Writing: Once our larger movements are controlled, we will be focusing on developing the correct pencil grip, as well as using our funky fingers with dexterity to complete tasks e.g. cutting. We will encourage the children to give meaning to their marks and encourage them to verbalise their ideas. We will learn to write our names using the correct formation of each letter.

Maths: We will continue to embed the children's conceptual knowledge of number to five through subitising, developing their understanding of number as a value as well as through problem solving and reasoning.

VISITS AND ENRICHMENT

We hope to visit the RAF terminal to observe aeroplanes through time, to identify similarities and differences and discuss the past and present. We will also have a pilot in to school to share their experience and answer any of the children's questions.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Forest School: This takes place on a Tuesday, please ensure that children come to school in appropriate clothing and foot wear - all must have closed toe shoes on please.

Home learning: If you have any photos for your child's sharing book please continue to send these via email if you need us to print them. These books are proving invaluable in developing language as well as listening, attention and confidence.

Seesaw: Please ensure that you continue to check Class Seesaw to receive messages and see pictures of your child's learning.

How to help your child

Please, please continue to share books with your child at home. Your support is invaluable in helping them to gain a love of reading, develop vocabulary and language as well as an understanding of print.

Additional information

Please ensure everything that comes into school has been named. Please continue to apply sun cream and mosquito repellent to your child each day before they come to school. We have a "no hat no play" policy.

Please send in a named hat every day. It is also essential that your child brings in a water bottle.