



Akrotiri

FS2

Attenborough, Backshall and Packham class
Spring 1 2023 - Information Guide

School



Our learning this term:

Welcome to Up, Up and Away!

Our learning this half term will encompass a range of skills to support the whole curriculum. To begin with, we will be exploring and investigating air travel and planes, comparing machines from the past and present.

Reading: We will be introducing phase three of our phonics programme, which includes more digraphs (units of sound represented by more than one letter). We will use our phonic knowledge to develop fluency within our reading and will be continuing to reinforce the love of reading through the texts we choose to share. We often find that the Spring term is when things begin to really 'click' for the children and they make super progress!

Writing: We will be focusing on developing the independent application of the phonics we have learnt to date by encouraging the children to write within their play as well as during structured lessons. We will continue to practise the correct formation of each letter, gaining further control over the size and orientation of each. This term we will have a big push on sentence structure, expecting the children to write simple sentences with very little support; using spaces between words and a capital letter and full stop.

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

VISITS AND ENRICHMENT

We will visit the RAF museum observing aeroplanes through time, identifying similarities and differences. Once we move onto exploring space, we also hope to have a visit from members of our community who actually leave the Earth's atmosphere! Details to follow.

USEFUL INFORMATION

PE: PE happens on a Thursday, please ensure that children bring their PE kit into school to get changed into.

Home learning: Please continue to read with your child each day at home. Your support is invaluable in helping them to practise and embed their knowledge.

Library: Packham class visit the library on a Monday and Attenborough and Backshall class on a Thursday. Please ensure all library books are returned to school on these days so that the children can change their books.

Seesaw: Please ensure that you continue to check Class Seesaw to receive messages and see pictures of your child's learning. Please see your child's teacher if you not yet connected or are having difficulties.

How to help your child

Please ensure that reading books and reading records are in school every day.

Please initial when you have read with your child, 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.

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. It is also essential that your child brings in a water bottle.