



# Akrotiri

FS2

Attenborough, Backshall and Packham classes  
Spring 2 2023 - Information Guide

## School



### Our learning this term:

#### Out and About in Cyprus!

Our learning this half term will continue to develop a range of skills to support the whole curriculum. We will be investigating where plants grow, how and why as well as learning to name the basic parts of a plant. We will also be exploring our locality and learning that Cyprus is an island and learning about the geographical features of Cyprus - sea, beach, cliff, mountain, forest, Salt Lake, bondu, island. We will be comparing similarities and differences between life in Cyprus and the UK, whilst learning to read a simple map. At the end of the half term we will be sharing the Easter story and developing our understanding that Easter celebrates new life.

**Reading:** We will be continuing to learn the phoneme/graphemes in phase three of our phonics programme. 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. Spring term is proving to show that learning is really beginning to 'click' for the children and they are making super progress!

**Writing:** We will continue to develop the independent application of the phonics that 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. We are now expecting the children to hold a simple sentence in their head and write it as independently as possible, using their phonic knowledge.

**Maths:** We will be focusing on the composition of numbers between 6 and 10, whilst learning to apply our knowledge and understanding to problem solving activities.

### VISITS AND ENRICHMENT

We will be engaging in a spring walk looking for signs of spring, identifying similarities and differences.  
We will also be using newly learnt map skills to have some Easter fun.

### USEFUL INFORMATION

**PE:** PE will continue to be on a Thursday, but will now be in a **morning**. Please ensure that the children come into school in their PE kit with their uniform in their bags, so that they can change into it after PE.

**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 classes on a Thursday. Please ensure all library books are returned to school on these days so that the children can change their books.

**Music:** We have access to a specialist music teacher every Tuesday, so all classes will be engaged in a music session

**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 are 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.