



Greenfield Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your children have had a lovely Christmas holiday and a Happy New Year. The children have made a fantastic start to the Spring term in Juniper Class and have settled back into their classroom routines very well. This letter will provide you with an overview of the subjects and topics we will be covering in class over the coming term, along with some information regarding PE.

English

During the Spring term, we will continue to develop the children's reading and writing skills, building upon the learning from previous terms. This term, the children will be working on a range of units including creating posters, writing character descriptions and setting descriptions. Throughout these units, there will be a strong focus on developing grammatical skills such as using questions and commands, expanded noun phrases, adjectives and similes to enhance their writing. In addition to our English lessons, there will also be discrete daily phonics/spelling and handwriting sessions, alongside comprehension and other reading activities taught throughout the week. I will continue to read class novels to the children regularly to support their enjoyment of stories and to encourage a love of reading. Our class novel for this term will be *The Bolds on Holiday* by Julian Clary.

Maths

During the spring term, we will be focusing on developing the children's understanding of money, multiplication and division. The children will learn to recognise the value of coins and notes, make different amounts and solve simple problems involving money, as well as develop their multiplication and division skills through counting in steps, sharing and grouping. We will continue with daily Mastering Number sessions alongside our morning Maths lessons to support children in developing fluency and confidence with number. There is a great free App that children can use at home called **1 Minute Maths**. You can read more about this on the White Rose Maths website.

Science

Our first Science topic this term will focus on plants, including exploring how light and dark affect plant growth. Our second unit will be living things and their habitats, where the children will learn about different habitats and how living things are suited to their environments.

History and Geography

We will begin by considering the question, 'Why did the Titanic sink?' This topic will link to History and the children will learn about the Titanic, key events surrounding the voyage and the reasons for its sinking. We will link Art and DT to this topic, as well as completing separate units of Art and DT work. Our topic for the second half of the term will be 'How would life be different if we lived in Kithamani?' This Geography-based topic will help the children to explore life in a contrasting locality and compare daily life, homes, weather and surroundings with their own experiences.





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PE

PE will take place twice weekly. Children are to come to school in full PE kit on their PE days. Please continue to support them to be as independent as possible when dressing at home. Your child will also need a named water bottle in school each day.

PE days for Juniper Class are **Tuesdays and Thursdays.**

Other subjects

Each child will continue to have discrete computing lessons during the week, and IT will be linked to the wider curriculum when appropriate. The children will be developing their music skills this term with a focus on singing and exploring contrasting dynamics. The children will also continue to learn Spanish this term. We will also continue to follow our RE and PSHE schemes this term.

Homework and additional information

Homework will be sent home every Friday and will consist of spellings on Spelling Shed (to learn for a check on Friday), sentence building in homework writing books and a reading book to be shared and discussed at home. Children can keep their school reading book at home until it has been read in full to an adult. It can then be returned to school so that it can be swapped. Please make a comment in your child's reading book when they read to you at home.

Homework needs to be completed by the following Thursday at the latest please.

Children in Juniper Class do not need to bring their own pencil case to school as we have all the equipment in class that they will need. I would be very grateful if children could avoid bringing items into school from home (such as toys) as this can cause distractions during learning time. However, I am more than happy for children to share any special achievements such as awards or special news. This can also be celebrated in our Friday Celebration Assembly.

I hope the above information is useful but please don't hesitate to speak to me if there is anything you are unsure of. I am usually available before school from 8am or you can usually see me at the classroom door before school and at the end of the day.

Yours sincerely

Miss M Rahman
Juniper Class teacher
Year 2

