



# Turtle and Dolphin Class

## Term 2

### Newsletter



## Welcome to term 2.

We are looking forward to working with you and have a really exciting term planned.

Our topic theme this term is **'Heroes and Villains'**

Is someone in your family a hero? There are many heroes and heroines, but who do you admire the most?

We will be learning about local heroes, such as firefighters and our doctors and nurses, and heroes from the past and present such as Thomas Edison, Martin Luther King, and Jamie Oliver.

### English



We will be learning about good over evil in Aesop's Fables and traditional and modern fairy tales. We will focus on the language used within this genre and write our own fairy tale with a twist.

We will be studying a variety of comic strips and look at the layout and the use of speech.

We will research information texts to locate information about heroes or heroines.

We will be reading a variety of non-fiction books about real people and traditional and modern fairy tales. The texts include; "The 3 Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig", "The True Story of the Big Bad Wolf" and "Snow White in New York". Please encourage your child to talk to you about the texts that we have read in class.

Reading is vital to help with writing ideas as well as developing the children's vocabulary and understanding. We ask that an adult shares a book with your child or hears them read at least five times a week, and that this is recorded in the child's reading record. The reading books and reading records will be sent home daily and should be returned to school every day.

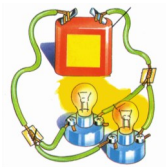
### Maths



In Maths we will be working on number and place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division and measures such as length and perimeter. We will do lots of practical activities such as measuring the playground using a trundle wheel. In addition we will be practising our multiplication tables and investigate mathematical problems. We will carry out surveys and record our results in a variety of graphs.

### Science

We will be focusing on electricity this term. What would it have been like without electricity?



We will be exploring different materials and investigate which of these conduct electricity. We will also make electrical circuits. We will investigate the importance of wearing high visibility clothing and create our own design.



## Some information to support you and your child:

### How you can help?

**Keep in contact** - Please ensure that you read and sign the contact book every day.

**Reading** - Please share a book with your child or hear them read at least five times a week.

**Talk** - Talk to your child about their day. We will detail in the contact book the activities they have taken part in on that day, this will give you ideas to talk about.

**Useful websites** - The following are a list of websites that you could use to support your child at home.

[www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/alphablocks](http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/alphablocks)

[www.phonicsplay.co.uk](http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk)

[www.learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org](http://www.learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org)

[www.primaryfacts.com/1251/thomas-edison-facts-and-information/](http://www.primaryfacts.com/1251/thomas-edison-facts-and-information/)

### Topic



In Art we will be exploring sculpture and illustration. We will be studying the works of Pop Art artists and Quentin Blake.

In PHSE we will be learning about the people who help us.

In Computing we will be researching heroes and heroines, and create simple animation.

### Homework



Homework will be sent home every week alternating English and Maths. Spellings will be given out weekly and in addition there is an expectation to read on a daily basis.

A family homework project will be sent via a Jigsaw Sheet and is linked to the topic the children are studying. The suggestions are for you to complete this as a family, giving you the opportunity to be directly involved with your child's learning.

### Friday's Activities

Turtle class will continue their weekly swimming lessons on Fridays. Please ensure that your child has the correct swimming kit including a towel.

Dolphin class will continue their trampolining at the Rebound Centre on Fridays.

Please ensure that your child has a PE kit for this activity.



### PE

Please make sure your child has the correct PE kit in school, with everything clearly named.

These will be kept in school until the end of each term. We will be teaching PE outside as well as inside, so do keep an eye on the weather.

### **Finally, thank you for your continued support!**

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us by writing a note in the child's contact book and we will get back to you as soon as possible. We look forward to sharing a great learning journey this term.