



Meerkat Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 2018: Years 4 and 5



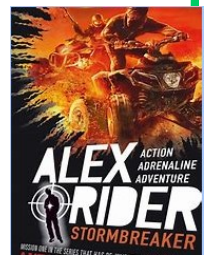
Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have had a relaxing summer holiday and I would like to welcome you back to a brand new term! I am looking forward to an exciting, fun-filled year in Meerkat class. We have many new and interesting topics planned over the next term. Please read on to find out more information about the curriculum, as well as other important reminders.



Curriculum outline:

Over the next term, the children in Meerkat class will be learning about the importance of our oceans in Geography lessons. In English, we will be exploring the author Anthony Horowitz and we will be reading one of his



stories, 'Stormbreaker', as our class novel. We will be covering different areas of the reading and writing curriculum through this story. In Maths, the children will begin the term by focusing on place value and have begun this topic exploring Roman numerals. They will apply these skills by solving problems in context. They will also be covering other aspects of the Maths curriculum later in the term. In Science, our focus will be on the properties and changes of different materials, which will include some exciting experiments. In P.E. we will be learning the rules of different games and practising the skills needed to play. Additionally, the children will participate in a second, indoor P.E. lesson every Monday where they will take part in Gymnastics lessons. Our R.E. focus this term is Christianity, in which we will explore where it all began. The Computing curriculum has begun by teaching children the importance of online safety.



General class reminders:

- ◆ P.E. lessons will be taught every Monday and Thursday. The children need full kit in school on these days please. P.E. kit consists of a house t-shirt or polo top, a black pair of shorts and plimsolls or trainers. They may also need a jumper and tracksuit bottoms for colder weather, as we will still be going outdoors.
- ◆ It is the expectation that all children read every night. The children can read to themselves and complete this on their own in their reading diaries. However, an adult signature is required under each comment.
- ◆ At the end of each week you must sign your child's reading diary in the allocated slot.
- ◆ Maths and English Homework will be set on a weekly basis. Homework will be given out every Friday and will be due in the following Thursday. It must be completed in their homework books.
- ◆ Spelling tests will be every Thursday. New spellings will also be given out on Friday. It is important that your child practises their spellings at home each week so that they are ready for the test.
- ◆ If you haven't already, please join the Meerkat page on Class Dojo. It will be updated regularly with reminders, photographs and examples of pupils' work. Please take a look!



If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to an exciting year in Meerkat class.

Miss Vettese, Mrs Pedder and Mr Pigney

