



YEAR 2



Giraffes

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Welcome Back!

A warm welcome back to Barleyhurst Park for the new academic year!

We hope you have all had a lovely summer break and are now feeling refreshed and ready for an exciting year ahead as part of the Giraffes class. We are very excited to kick start the term with new topics and lots of new learning. We can't wait to see you and be a part of your learning journey again.

Let's strive to achieve!

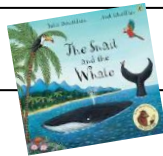
Beachcombers



Do you like to be beside the seaside? That's good because you're about to become expert beachcombers.

Our topic for this term is 'Beachcombers!' So, pack up some sandwiches, pick up a fishing net and keep your eyes peeled because we are off to the coast to go beachcombing! This half term, we will visit a 'local' beach virtually to experience the sights, sounds and smells of the seashore and explore rock pools to find living and non-living things.

If you have been lucky to have visited a seaside over the summer, please bring in any shells or pebbles and/or a photo of you having fun in the sand or sea! We'd love to hear all about your adventures and use your photos for our wonderful display.



English

In **English** we will take every opportunity to kick back in a deckchair and do a little reading. We will read a range of seaside stories and use the coast/sea/ocean as settings for our writing. Our focus will start on 'The Snail and the Whale' and 'Tiddler' by Julia Donaldson, 'The Little Mermaid-Lady Tales' and information books to write labels, lists and captions, tongue-twisters, stories, letters and postcards. We will also use the internet to search for facts about the seashore and use that knowledge to write our own non-fiction texts

Maths



In **Maths** Giraffes will revise place value and work with numbers up to 100, comparing them and using them in number bonds. Then we will move on to the four operations $+$ $-$ \times \div , be introduced to new methods and recap those that they are already familiar with. Please take any opportunity to recognise numbers in any situation, whether it be at the supermarket looking at prices, counting objects in 2s, 5s or 10s or playing a board game!



Science

In **Science**, we will be learning about living things and their habitats. We will be sorting things into groups of living things/things that have been alive and non-living things, exploring different habitats and learning about food chains and basic needs of animals.



Weekly Routines

Our PE sessions this year are on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please make sure the Giraffes come to school wearing the correct PE kit (short or long sleeves and shorts or jogging bottoms/leggings, depending on weather conditions), long hair must be tied up and earrings must be removed or covered with micropore tape before arriving to school. We will also be having Golden Mile on Mondays and Fridays, but normal uniform should be worn on these days.

Spellings will be sent home on Fridays and the children will be tested on the following Friday.

Homework is set on a Thursday and is due in by the following Tuesday.

FRIDAYS- Giraffes will be taught by a new member of the team, Mrs Golightly, who the children have met and are looking forward to getting to know.



How can you help your child?



- Listen to them read each day. There will be a reading book and library book in their book-bag each week. When they do read to you, please make a note in their reading record (this can be your signature or a short comment).
- Ask them questions about what they have read.
- Encourage them to practise their spellings every day, using the 'LOOK, COVER, WRITE, CHECK' method.
- Support them in completing their homework.
- Go to your local library to find books about their current topic.
- Ensure your child wears their PE kit on the days they have PE lessons.
- Provide a named water bottle for them to use in class. These can be purchased from the school office.

Key Dates:

- 17th-21st October - Book Week.
- 21st October - Last day of the half term.

Thank you for your ongoing support, we look forward to building a strong relationship with you and the new Giraffes. Please do not hesitate to ask any questions to myself or any of the Year 2 team.

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