



Giraffes



We stick our necks out and have a go!

Year 2, Autumn 2, 2021

Welcome Back!

It has been so lovely to see the children coming into the classroom with a big smile and looking forward to continuing our adventure as beachcombers.

I would like to say 'Well done!' to our Giraffes for settling in well and trying their hardest during the first half term. I would also like to say a big 'Thank you!' to the parents/carers who chose to be part of the Parents Meetings last month. It was great to see and talk to you about all the amazing things that your children are doing at school.

Last half term the children took part in some very exciting 'Book Week' pirate activities and had the opportunity to meet a successful children's author and be involved in fun sessions that culminated with a pirate party and a treasure hunt.

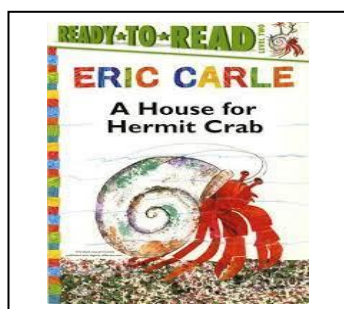
As we are sure you will agree, it was a very successful week and the children thoroughly enjoyed it.

We would like to thank you for all the support you gave us last half term.

Beachcombers!

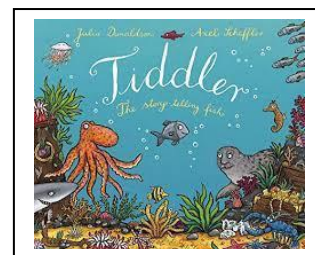
This half term we are continuing our journey as beachcombers and we will be preparing for celebrating Christmas.

In **English** we will be using the story 'A House for a Hermit Crab' by Eric Carle as a focus and we will be writing different types of poems about sea creatures and winter.



We will continue to use the stories 'Tiddler' by Julia Donaldson and 'The Little Mermaid' alongside the information books and other stories with familiar setting to write tongue-twisters, stories and diary entries.

In **Maths**, we will be focusing on multiplication, division and measurements. We will also consolidate our addition and subtraction knowledge and apply these skills in solving worded problems.



In **Science**, we will continue to learn about living things and their habitats. We are also going to focus on different sources of food and food chains.

In **Computing**, we will continue to recognise common uses of information technology beyond school – web searches and digital presentations.

In **History**, we will learn about sea explorers from the past, including Christopher Columbus and Sir Francis Drake.

In **Art and Design** we will be recreating 'Water Lilies' by Claude Monet and we will be making 3D models of seashore creatures from clay, demonstrating certain techniques, such as rolling, coiling, carving, smoothing and joining.



In **Music**, we will continue to sing songs from around the UK and we will be learning and singing Christmas songs as well.

In **RE**, we will be learning about symbols and talking about who we should follow. We will be focusing on the story of Christmas.

How can you help your child?

- Listen to them read each day. There is a book in their book bag and their key words are there too, if they have them. When they do their reading, 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.
- Support them in completing their homework.
- Go to your local library to find books about their current topic (**if you are comfortable with that**).
- 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 for £1.50.

Weekly routines

- **PE** is on **Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays**- children should come to school wearing their PE kit.
- **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**.



Key Dates

- **10th December** – Christmas Jumper Day.
- **15th December** – Christmas Dinner Day
- **17th December** - Last day of the autumn term

And finally,

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to us.

Mrs Breitigam and the Year 2 Team.

