



Seven Stars Primary School

Orion Curriculum Newsletter - Spring 2023

Welcome back Orion and Happy New Year! I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and enjoyed the holidays. Our topic for this term is 'All Around the World'. The main focus for this topic is Geography and History. Through topic work we will find out some facts about past and present explorers, the differences in their travels and how their lives were different from ours. We will also learn the continents and oceans of the world and them animals which live there.

Teaching in Orion Class this year will be Mrs Warner. Mrs McDonald teaches on a Tuesday afternoon and all day Thursday. Miss Gardener and Miss Melling will be supporting in class all week.

Please help your child to remember to bring their **reading record** and **reading book** into school to be changed on Monday and Thursday each week. Please try to ensure that your child is reading **at least 3 times a week at home** so that they can practise the skills that they are learning in school and this will really boost their progress.

If you have any concerns or questions, please message me on Class Dojo.

Mrs Warner

P.E

Our P.E. lessons are on Wednesday and Friday and children should come in their PE kit on these days. This should be: a white t-shirt, a plain red or black jumper/hoody, black or navy joggers/leggings and trainers.

PSHE

This term we will be learning about money, being safe online and belonging to a community.

Class Dojo

If you are not already signed up to Class Dojo, please ask for a log in as this is our main way of communicating with parents and children.

ENGLISH

This term, our main English texts are 'The Journey Home' and 'Meerkat Mail', which links to our previous learning in English. We will also be creating an information text and reading a range of poems on a theme. We will continue to do phonics and spelling at 9am every morning **so it is crucial they are in school on time.**

MATHS

In maths this term we will be learning to compare numbers and identify the place value of each digit in a number. We will be consolidating counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s and using this to help us with multiplication and division facts. We will also be developing our mental addition and subtractions calculations as well as learning about money.

TOPIC

Geography - The children will describe where animals live around the world and their habitats. They will learn the continents and oceans of the world.

Science - In science we will be focusing on animals. We will compare different animals and consider how they grow and change.

History - The children will order events using appropriate vocabulary such as before, after, a long time ago, past to show the lives of famous explorers. They will also consider how their life is different from life in the past.

ICT - This half term we will be learning how to ask questions to sort objects and animals in a binary tree and how to search effectively. We will also be creating images using various programmes such as Dazzle and paint.

Art: We will be exploring colour mixing and learning about the work of artist Romare Bearden

DT - In DT we will be using our sewing skills to make pouches.

RE - Islam - Why do Muslims believe in obeying God. Hinduism - How might people express their devotion