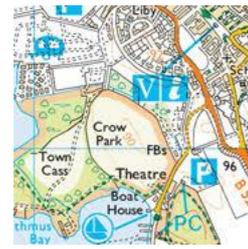
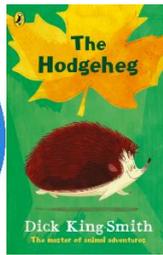
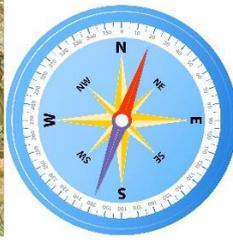
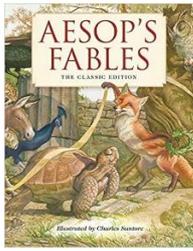


Map skills, animals including humans and plants



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the New Year, we hope everybody had a lovely break and we wish you and your family all the best for 2020.

Our whole school topic focus for Spring term is Map skills, where we will be learning how to use 4 figure grid references, using a compass to give directional instructions up to 8 cardinal points, looking at what contours show, making a 3D map and looking at landmarks from across the UK.

In Writing we are learning about persuasion, Aesop's Fables and letters as our text types and focussing on using fronted adverbials, direct speech and a range of conjunctions in our writing. Our main guided reading text will be 'The Hodgeheg' by Dick King Smith. We will continue working on our spelling, punctuation, grammar and handwriting lessons to consolidate and apply to our written and creative work.

In Maths we will be learning about addition and subtraction, formal methods of multiplication and division, counting up and down in tenths, recognise that tenths arise when objects/amounts are divided by 10 and perimeter of shapes.

In Science we will be looking at animals including humans (this focuses on learning about bones, different types of skeletons and how we keep healthy) and Plants (focusing on the functions of the different parts of flowering plants, how do flowers help in the life cycle of flowering plants and how is water transported within plants?) In Art and Design Technology we will be using clay to make our own Colosseum and in food technology we will be learning about a healthy, balanced diet and food safety.

In RE we will be learning about Hinduism (Gods and Goddesses) and Buddhism (Buddha). In Computing we will be learning about how to create our own multiply choice quiz game and e-safety. Mr Pinto will continue to be teaching the classes Spanish.

Help from home

A themed topic project will be set half-termly with opportunities for children to complete an activity each week as well as daily reading and spelling practice.

It is also important that your child reads at home, ideally at least 15 minutes a day, as this forms part of their set homework.

Please continue to hear your child read as much as possible and record in their reading record. TT Rockstars and Spelling Shed are available online, please let us know if you can't login.

PE

Darwin class PE lessons are normally on Mondays and Tuesdays and Newton Class Mondays and Wednesdays, although please ensure that your child has their full PE kits in school at all times. Remember children should not wear jewellery in P.E sessions and they must remove their earrings and have a hair band to tie up long hair for safety reasons.

Thank you for your continuing support and please do come and speak to us if you have any questions.

Mrs Leland, Mrs Tracey and Mrs Rose