

Dolphin Class Newsletter: TERM 5



Dear Parents/Carers,

In term five, we will begin by learning about fossils, continuing the children's fascinations from last term. This will lead onto learning all about nature and how things grow. We will spend time planting lots of different seeds and investigating what we need to help them to grow, how long they take and what the seeds eventually turn into.

We will also investigate growth and change in relation to ourselves – how have we grown since we were babies, how have our families changed? (This may require old baby photos from our families!).

We will look at lots of information books about different things within nature and create our own stories too. We will use nature as inspiration for our art, looking closely at patterns and colours.

We will be spending a lot of time outside, so wellies will be used a lot!

Our focus books will include:

Curious about Fossils (Kate Waters)

David Attenborough (little People BIG DREAMS)

Georgia O'Keefe (little People BIG DREAMS)

The Big Earth Book (Lonely Planet Kids)

The Tiny Seed (Eric Carle)

Nature Poetry (National Geographic Kids)

IMPORTANT MESSAGES:

- **P.E** – We will be starting PE from week 1 this term. We will continue with PE on a Wednesday morning. Our PE for the term is athletics – running and obstacles. Please make sure all clothing and coats are labelled.
- **Book bags and reading books** - Please ensure your children bring in their reading records and reading book everyday, even if you've not had a chance to share their book with them as we tick off who has read each night (school book or other) and the class totals are added up on a Friday. You don't need to write down every time you've read the reading books, we ask the children each day.
- **Show and tell** – currently, we aren't doing any show and tell. If we would like the children to bring anything in, we will let you know. Similarly, we don't have the space for rucksacks so kindly ask for just book bags.
- **Key dates:**
 - **MONDAY 19th APRIL** – INSET day
 - **TUESDAY 20th APRIL** – start of term
 - **THURSDAY 22nd APRIL** – Earth Day
 - **FRIDAY 23rd APRIL** – St George's Day
 - **FRIDAY 23rd APRIL** – Forest school begins (until 28th May; 6 sessions)
 - **MONDAY 3rd MAY** – Bank Holiday
 - **FRIDAY 28th MAY** – Excellence Awards/ End of Term 5

Please come and see us at the end of the school day if you have any questions or problems. We appreciate any feedback that will help your children develop and prosper.

We are really looking forward to a happy, fun term!

Mrs Howman, Mrs Wildish and Mrs Tait.