

KIRTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM 3 NEWSLETTER 2019



YEAR 2

January 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

We would like to welcome you to the start of a new term. The children have already settled in well and are very busy with their daily timetable.

Our Topic

Term 3: At the Zoo

In our topic this term we will be learning about animal habitats. We will be learning about the suitability of animal habitats and how animal habitats depend on each other. We will be learning how to draw zoo animals as well as making our own zoo enclosures.

Maths and English

In maths lessons, children will be learning about: *3D shapes, multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times table, measurement, addition and subtraction of two-digit numbers, addition of three one-digit numbers, and money.*

In order to support your child, you could help them with their weekly homework as well as activities such as finding the correct money to pay for items at the shop.

It would really support your child if they were confident with their times tables. This would help them in all areas of maths. This term your child needs to learn the two times table, the ten times table and five times table.

In English, we will be learning about: *narratives, diary entries, information texts, reports, extended stories and letters.*

In order to support your child, you could write a diary entry every day for a week.

The spellings your child will be learning this term can be accessed through our school website; it would be really useful if you could help your child to learn these spellings.

Please encourage your child to read at home every day and ask them questions about what they are reading at every opportunity. We aim to change books regularly.

Your child may bring a water bottle to school. Please ensure the bottle is clearly named and only contains.

PE

Our PE days are Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate PE kit. For outdoor games, the children need plain black/navy tracksuit bottoms, a plain white t-shirt, a plain sweatshirt and trainers. For indoor PE, the children need plain black/navy shorts, a plain white t-shirt and plimsolls. Every item needs to be clearly labelled and in a bag that will remain in school every day. Kits will be taken home to be washed at the end of each term. No items should be taken home during the term.

Homework

Homework is set on a Friday and will continue to support your child's education. It will include weekly maths and English activities as well as reading, some spelling investigations and multiplication facts. If there are ever any problems about the homework please come and see us as soon as possible.

Important Dates

25.01.19 - ZooLab visiting Year 2
12.02.19 – Parent's Evening
13.02.19 – Parent's Evening
15.02.19 – Last day of Term 3
25.02.19 – First day of Term 4



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HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING THIS TERM:

Key things that parents can do to support their child this term related to things they will be learning about:

Visit the local shop and use coins to pay for items together with your child. Encourage them to find the correct amount.

Find 3D shapes in everyday objects – collect and draw them!

Research zoo animals at home – how many facts can you list? Share them with friends and teachers at school!

Visit <https://animals.sandiegozoo.org/live-cams> to look at animal enclosures.

Follow the instruction below to create a miniature zoo enclosure with your child. Bring it into school or take a photograph to share with friends:

Box Zoo

Create a mini zoo out of a large box or plastic tray and populate it with easy-to-make [standing paper animals](#) or with exciting three-dimensional [folding animals](#).



Materials

- Self-hardening clay or [salt dough](#)
- Scissors
- Craft sticks or wooden ice cream spoons
- Sand
- Plastic tray or any wide box (e.g. pizza box, cereal box or large shoe box)
- Decorative materials: feathers, flower-shaped beads, sequins, pipe cleaner, egg carton tray, etc.
- Poster paint or watercolor (optional)

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1. First, make a few paper animals to go into your box zoo.



2. Now that you have created your paper animals, you can make a zoo for them using a wide box or old plastic tray.



3. Think of a layout for your zoo. Decide on where each animal should be housed. Sketch an outline of your plan on the tray or box.



4. Cover the area inside the animal enclosures with green self-hardening clay or [salt dough](#), putting a thicker layer around the edges.





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5. You can make a watering hole with blue clay or salt dough. Use tip of a spoon to etch some waves on the dough.



6. Find suitable fencing material- you can use wooden ice cream spoons like I did or you can cut craft sticks in half. Other material you can use are drinking straws or construction paper cut into strips. Stick the fence pieces around the borders of the animal enclosures. Push each one deep into the dough.



7. Here are some landscaping ideas for your zoo:
a.) Make flowers with flower-shaped beads, sequins or craft foam. Use craft wire, pipe cleaner, or colored toothpicks for the stems.



8. Cover the paths with sand.



9. Finally, put the animals inside their enclosures.

Yours sincerely

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