



Welcome back – we hope you enjoyed a lovely February half term.

This term, our topic is ‘We Are Explorers’. The children will become explorers of firstly their local area, then of cities in the UK. They will explore maps and create their own maps, which we will then follow on a trip to the park.

As part of our learning about cities, and how they are different to Longton, please could you bring in any photos you may have of your child in a UK city. If these are already in their All About Me books, please send a note in your child’s reading record and we will look at them.

Physical Development – Our PE this term will focus on fundamental movement skills. The children will practice skills such as throwing, catching, kicking, balancing, crawling, skipping and many more. The children will also do Squiggle whilst you wiggle using scarves and music. This is so beneficial, developing their gross and fine motor skills in preparation for writing.

RE – Our focus in RE is to ‘What Makes Our World Special? We will be thinking about creation and looking after our world. We will also learn about the importance of Easter to Christians, including a service at the church.

PSHE – The Hippos will be focusing on self regulation. The focus will be on listening, following instructions, kindness and thinking about other people’s feelings. We will also be thinking about how we keep fit and healthy.

Expressive Art and Design – The Hippos will be focusing on culinary art. They will study Giuseppe Arcinboldo and create their own fruit pictures.

Maths – In maths we will be focusing on 6,7 and 8. We will be exploring the composition of those numbers and comparing them. | We will also be thinking about the principles of counting and counting to larger numbers.

Phonics – In Phonics we are still within Phase 4. We will be building and also breaking down CCVC and CVCC words (for example - sleep & boost). Please continue to revisit your phonics wallet. We will also recap these daily.

Reading - Reading books will continue to be changed weekly. The reading book should come into school each day completed with a signature and comment. Please continue to read daily. This helps the children to practice the new words and sounds that we learn in class.

Literacy – Our Literacy will be focused on composing and writing short sentences independently, using their phonic knowledge. We will read a variety of texts, including Captain Flinn and the Pirate Dinosaurs, The Night Pirates, The Pirate Mums and Katie Goes to London.

We will be sending a short spelling activity home alongside their homework each week. We will not be doing spelling tests – these sheets are simply to reinforce the learning that has happened in class.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Upton and Mrs Morrison