

# Waterbeach Community Primary School

## Year 3 Team Letter

### Summer 2024



#### Dolphin Class



Ms Innes

#### Sea Turtles Class



Miss Edwards

The purpose of this letter is to give you important information about the term ahead. You will find details about home learning, reading books and general information about how a typical week will look. A copy of the letter and other information will be posted on the school website.

#### Exciting things the children will be learning in the summer term...

The history topic, during the first half of the summer term, will be Romans. The children will be studying the impact the Romans had on Britain. This will include exploring who the Romans were, why they came to Britain, and the positive impact they had on our lifestyle today. In science, we will be focusing on the school's environmental theme. The children will be covering the topic, Animals Including Humans. The focus of this topic will be the environmental effects that humans have on the world and how this is affecting the animals within it. In DT the children will be focusing on the school's healthy lifestyles theme. In DT, the children will be designing, preparing, and cooking a healthy pizza. They will be learning about what makes a healthy diet and looking at the different food groups and how they support a healthy body. In PSHE, they will be learning about Digital Lifestyles. In RE, the children will be covering the topic, What is the Trinity? Which will be supported by a trip to St John's Church.

In geography, during the second half of term, the children will be learning about the physical landscape of Italy. They will be focusing on how volcanos are formed and what causes an earthquake. They will be exploring the impact the eruption of Mount Vesuvius had on the Roman town of Pompeii. In art, they will study the artist Katsushika Hokusai, practising their own printing skills and trying to imitate Hokusai's work on Mount Fuji and the Great Wave off Kanagawa. Swimming will be an exciting addition to our PE timetable, and we will also be learning about athletic sports throughout this term.

In science, the children will be learning about the topic Light. They will be looking at the different sources of light, how light behaves, how it is reflected and how shadows are formed. In computing they will looking at branching databases and graphing. In RE, the children will be looking at the topic 'Is it Fair?' They will be thinking about fairness in a global context and making links between Jesus' teachings and the way Christians live today. In music, they will be listening to and creating music based on the themes, Northern Lights and The Romans.

Forest School will be alternate weeks starting from Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

#### More information about our curriculum

More information about the curriculum content can be found in our '[Curriculum Captures](#)' ([click here](#)) on the school website. These are useful for parents to see the content of what is being taught and to use this information to help support your child at home.

#### Teacher PPA (Planning, Preparation & Assessment) Time

Ms Innes (Dolphin Class) has PPA time on a Thursday afternoon and management time on Thursday morning and will be covered by Mrs Page.

#### SCHOOL DAY TIMINGS

8:40am - Doors open and children make their way to their classroom.

8:50am – Registration, the doors will close, after this time, children will need to come to the office and be signed in.

12.30pm – 1:15pm – Lunchtime.

3.15pm – End of the school day.

#### PE

**Indoor PE - Wednesday**

**Outdoor PE - Friday**

Children should have a PE kit consisting of a house colour T-shirt without buttons, dark plain shorts, jogging bottoms, a jumper and a change of shoes for outdoors. Long hair needs to be tied back and no jewellery should be worn during Physical Education lessons, including swimming. It is also not safe to cover earrings / studs / sleepers with tape. If children wear earrings to school, they need to be able to remove them themselves for PE lessons. If your child is unable to do so, earrings should be removed before coming to school. We advise that if you are going to allow your child to have their ears pierced, that this is done at the start of the summer holidays so that their PE entitlement is not compromised.

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We ask that all PE kits are kept in a drawstring bag and are left in school. We send home PE kits at the end of each half term for washing during holiday time. **PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING!**

#### **BEHAVIOUR INFORMATION**

We are committed to providing a caring, friendly and safe environment for everyone so that we can all work together in a relaxed and secure atmosphere. We believe that we can do this by trying to keep the school rules.

We are gentle	We are honest	We are kind and helpful
We try our best	We listen	We look after property

For more details on our behaviour policy please see the school website – [About Us/School Policies](#)

#### **HOME LEARNING**

##### **WEEKLY HOME LEARNING**

The big focus for home learning is consistent reading. Being a fluent reader will help your child access all areas of the curriculum. All children have access to **Collings Big Cat ebooks** and if they choose, they can take a reading book home from the library each week.

Additionally, the children have access to Mathletics, Times Table Rock Stars and Spelling Shed.

There will be a summer home learning sheet sent to the children each week via Teams. The children can pick one task from the list to complete and upload to Teams each week if they are keen to do so.

#### **COMMUNICATION**

If you have any worries or concerns, please contact your child's class teacher. Contacting us by email is always the best way as teachers are very busy before and after school, and if we know that you would like to meet with one of us, we can put some time aside on an evening when we don't have meetings. All the teachers' email addresses are provided for you below. Ways we can communicate:

**School/team letters** – where possible we would like to send all letters via email.

**Website** – We hope the website is a good reference source, if there are things that you would like to see included, please let us know.

**Email** – you can send emails to your child's class teacher or team leader (Ms Innes). The protocol is that teachers will respond within 3 working days. If you need a more urgent response, then you can leave a message with the school office.

**Dolphin Class** – Ms Innes – [kinnes@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:kinnes@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk)

**Sea Turtle Class** – Miss Edwards – [jedwards@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:jedwards@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk)

**Team Leader** – Mrs Innes [kinnes@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:kinnes@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk)

**Appointments** – if you would like to arrange a meeting with your child's class teacher, please contact them via email to arrange a suitable time.

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### Summer Term Key Dates

We aim to keep to these dates but occasionally due to circumstances beyond our control they may need to change.

**April**

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of the summer term
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Class photos

**May**

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Thorpe Woodlands
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Tennis Festival
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Trip to St John's Church
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Energy Saving Day

**May 27<sup>th</sup> – May 31<sup>st</sup> Half Term**

**June**

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Training Day
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**July**

Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Summer Term
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