

# Sea Turtle Class Newsletter

## September 2019



Langdon  
Primary  
School

Welcome back, I hope you have had an enjoyable break. I am thoroughly looking forward to teaching your children and look forward to seeing them make progress in their learning. If you or your child are having any worries or difficulties with anything at school or home, please come and talk to myself or Mrs Capell.

### Literacy

In Literacy we will use our topic to write a non-chronological report about sea turtles. We will then write our own non-chronological reports about a mythical creature of choice. We will also be writing stories and focusing on basic punctuation such as using apostrophes for possession and commas after a fronted adverbial.

Although we read regularly with your child in guided reading and daily Sounds-Write sessions, it is important that you encourage your child to read at least three times a week at home. When you read with your child please write a short comment about how your child read or understood the book.

Please remember to sign your child's Buster's Book Club card on Wednesdays and send the reading record book in on Thursday to be checked. In achievement assembly the class with the highest percentage of children that have read and got their bookmarks signed, will receive awards. The bookmark needs to be signed to count. Year 3 have a target of 15 minutes reading and Year 4 are aiming to complete at least 20 minutes.

### PE

This term our PE days are **Monday** and **Wednesday**. Every Monday the children will have PE lessons, where they will develop their skills and stamina in a broad range of physical activities and competitive sports. We are fortunate enough to have yoga sessions at the village hall with dance coach Laura. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school at all times.



### Topic

Our topic this term will begin with learning all about sea turtles. We will then move on to learning about plastic pollution.

### Homework

Homework will be given out every Friday and should be returned to school by Wednesday at the latest. Please encourage your child to complete all the homework in their homework book. If your child is unable to complete their homework or they require support, please let me know so that I can help. Mrs Britton also runs homework club, which is every Monday lunch time.

### Mathematics and Mathemagician

This term in Mathematics the children will be learning the following:

- Read and write numbers up to 1,000 in numerals and in words
- Recognise the place value of each digit in four digit numbers
- To count backwards through zero into negative numbers
- To round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000
- Using partitioning and written methods to add Th H T U
- Use a number line and written methods to subtract Th H T U

By the end of Year 4 all children across the country are expected to know their times tables up to 12x12. Every Friday we will complete Mathemagician, this is where the children have to answer 50 multiplication and division questions in just 5 minutes. Their score is then doubled to give a percentage. If they receive 90% or more for three consecutive weeks they move onto the next level. Please help your child to learn the times tables relevant to their Mathemagician level.

- **Bronze** - 2s 5s 10s times tables
- **Silver** - 2s 3s 4s 5s and 10s
- **Gold** - 2s 3s 4s 5s 6s 7s 8s 9s 10s 11s and 12s
- **Platinum** - All of the above, plus the associated division facts and use of decimals

### Times Tables Rockstars

As you may already know, the children now have access to Times Tables Rockstars. Times Tables Rockstars is a fun and challenging programme designed to help pupils master times tables. This programme can be accessed online using a computer, iPad or tablet. The children can complete a range of multiplication and division questions in a variety of different games and earn coins. The online coins can be used to purchase items and backgrounds for their avatar. It would be beneficial if your child could practice at home as much as possible. I will be running a Times Tables Rockstars club after school where children can play and battle against friends.

### Dates for the Diary

23.9.19- Meet the teacher evening 3-5pm  
10.10.19- Sea Turtle Class assembly  
18.10.19- Last day of term 1  
28.10.19- Start of term 2  
30.10.19- Individual photographs

