



Donaldson Class

Spring 1 2023 Newsletter



Upcoming Events

Mon 2nd Jan - Bank Holiday

Tue 3rd Jan - Training Day

Wed 11th Jan - EYFS/KSI

Mindfulness Club

Fri 6th Jan - 8.45am

Parents Coffee Morning

Thu 9th Feb - Break Up

Fri 10th Feb - Training Day

Reminders

We still have a few parents who have not yet activated their Tapestry Account.

Please check your emails (and spam folders) for an activation link. We are more than happy to help you do this after school.

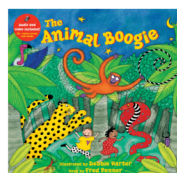
Please ensure your child is dressed for the weather each day!

What we are learning

This half term our topic is 'Why is Africa Amazing? We are going on Safari! We are going to be looking at Africa on a world map, comparing landscapes and weather and looking at animals native to the continent of Africa.

PARENTS! If you can help us enhance our Africa topic, please do let us know! (E.g. photos of safari holidays, artefacts etc.)

Our focus texts are:



In Literacy we are learning to name and label using our phonics to help. We will be focusing on letter formation and segmenting sounds to spell, with increasing independence.

Our Values this half term are

Respect & Perseverance

"You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think."

- Christopher Robin, Winnie the Pooh



PE Kits Days



Please send your child into school in their PE Kit on **TUESDAYS** and **FRIDAYS**. Please ensure kits meet our uniform requirements (no wording or branding other than the school badge).

Reading Books

Your child is now bringing home books in line with their recent phonics assessment. This is your child's homework, so please aim to read at home at least 3 times per week. It is essential your child's book returns to school daily for our reading practice sessions.

Phonics



We will be continuing our Little Wandle Phonics, focusing on words containing double letters (dd mm tt bb rr gg pp) and longer words.

Sounds this half term:

ai ee igh oa oo oo ar or ur ow oi ear air er

Tricky words:

was you they my by all are sure pure

Please continue to support your children with reading at home!



Maths



In Maths, we are focusing on number, length, height and time. We will be comparing the numbers 5,6,7,8 and looking at their composition, combining amounts and making pairs.

You can support your child's maths learning at home using Numbots. If you do not have your child's log in please email admin@kf.starmat.

Let your light shine - Matthew 5:15-16
From Mrs. Skelton, Mrs. Young and Mrs Darnton

