Griffon Class News Letter

Autumn 1st half term 2023

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| Topics this term:  Geography - we are currently studying National Parks looking at The Peak District and comparing landscapes and physical features of geography with other areas in other parts of the world. We will look at human features too such as trade and tourism.  Science - we will be learning about The Earth, Sun and Moon. We will learn about important people who have contributed to our understanding of space. We will find out about the movements of the earth and moon around the sun as well as the planets in our solar system.  DT – we will be working with textiles, looking at the works of William Morris and his daughter May Morris. We will research, collect ideas and plan a textile to tell a story.  PSHE – looking more at health and mental wellbeing – we will explore the theme of ‘Being Me’ – what it is like to be ‘me’ – friendships and relationships.  Computing - we learn about online safety and coding.  RE - we are thinking about why some people believe in God and why some people do not.  PE is multi-skills and dance – creating compositions around the theme of Space.  Music – we will be having an outside agency supporting the children in playing the flute. |

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| PE: These sessions continue to be held on Wednesday and Thursdays. Please come in kit and ensure the correct kit is worn. Thank you. |

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| Class Book: We will be reading The Nowhere Emporium by Ross MacKenzie. |

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| Homework: This is to be found on Purple Mash – Griffon’s homework blog. Please encourage your child to look at this and complete the work set for the following Tuesday. Spellings are given weekly and are to be learnt for a test on a Monday. TT Rockstars is a way for the children to learn their tables and they all have passwords for this to do at home and in school. Reading for at least 10 minutes a day is recommended and we ask the children to record this in their reading diaries for checking in school. Please note that all the children will be heard to read in school within a guided reading session each week. Any issues/concerns please let me know.  NB – currently Yr6 are logged onto the Purple Mash site and have access to Griffon Class blogs etc. Yr5 will be able to access this next week when our technician is in school. I will ensure that all children are aware of the homework set for them. |

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| Blue Friction Pens or blue handwriting pens to be provided wherever possible please. We do get through quite a few!! Thanks everyone. |