



C.E CONTROLLED  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Griffon Class News Letter Spring 1st half term 2025

### Topics this term:

We are currently studying Climate Change in our geography work – this builds on the work we have already covered on Climate Zones.

In science, we will be learning about 'Evolution and Inheritance'. We will learn about important people who have contributed to our understanding of evolution. We will find out about fossils and how life forms have evolved and the reasons for this. We look at inheritance through studies of living things plus adaptation and variation between and within different species.

Art – we will explore drawings of naturalists such as Darwin – making observations and developing fine motor skills.

PSHE – looking more at health and mental wellbeing – exploring emotions.

COMPUTING - we learn about online safety and navigating databases.

RE – we will be discussing whether religious and scientific views about the world conflict or complement?

PE is gymnastics – floor work and dance – creating compositions.

MUSIC – we will be studying Jazz – listening and appraising – learning about different composers and musicians.

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

Class Book: We will be completing our class book – Holes by Alex Suchar – we may also be looking at how the film compares to the book and reviewing them both.

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 Friday. 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. Year 6 will be bringing home practice papers for SATS and this will replace the regular homework set on Purple Mash. A practice SAT paper will be sent home on a Friday to complete at home. Please allow your child some time to complete the test unaided at first but any assistance and support you are able to give them should they require it after that would be more than welcomed. We will go through the papers together back in school. Please ensure your Yr 6 child has attempted the paper by the following Thursday to have with them on the Friday in school. Any issues/concerns please let me know. NB – the children are not expected to know everything in the papers at this point in the term but with regular practice – improvements over time will be made. Thanks for your support. We can discuss at parents' evening later this half term.

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



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