



19th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have an interesting, informative and fun summer term planned for the children and it has been great to see how enthusiastically they have come back to school ready to learn.

We would also like to welcome Miss Edwards to the Sea Turtle class, she will be in the Sea Turtle class full time and Miss Wong who is a trainee teacher working in the Dolphin Class alongside Ms Innes.

The children have had a busy first week back, they have started their new history topic, 'Romans in Britain' and have placed this period in history on a timeline. In science the children are looking at the impact humans have on the environment. They used their forest school time to look around the school grounds to discover as many different habitats as they could and appreciated that our school grounds are home to a wide variety of wildlife and minibeasts. In English, the children looked at Clerihew poems and had a go at writing their own poems and presenting them to the class. In maths, the children continued to learn about mass and capacity.

All the topics the children will be learning about this term are on the school website and these will give you an idea of what your child will be learning in each subject. ['Curriculum Captures' \(click here\)](#)

Home Learning: Reading is the main focus of the school, and each child has their own login for **Collins E-Books**, these books have been set to each child's individual level from school assessments. Practise reading the sounds in these books would be beneficial to your child's continued progress in reading. There is a new list of summer home learning activities on Teams. If your child would like to, they can choose one activity to have a go at a week. Their finished tasks can be upload on **Teams** and shared with the class. There are activities set on **Mathletics** which relate to the fraction unit in maths which they will be looking at during the first few weeks of the summer term. They also have access to **Spelling Shed** and **Times Table Rockstars**.

In Maths, we will be starting to introduce this terms topic of fractions. We will be:

Understanding the denominator in unit fractions, comparing and ordering unit fractions, understanding numerator in non-unit fractions, understand the whole and comparing and ordering non-unit fractions.

In English we will be starting a new unit on 'stories from another culture', we will be using the book, 'The Village that Vanished' by Ann Grafalconi, an African story of the Yao people to inspire the children's writing.

In spelling, we will be learning to spell words ending with the suffix '-er'.

Summer 1 spellings are also attached from the Year 3/4 spelling list.

Ms Innes (Team Leader) Dolphin Class Teacher

kinnes@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk

Miss Edwards Sea Turtle Class Teacher

jedwards@waterbeach.cambs.sch.uk



teacher

dispatcher

stretcher

catcher

butcher

scorcher

preacher

watcher

cruncher

richer

Year 3/4 Spelling
Words

Summer 1

favourite

February

forwards

fruit

grammar

group

guard

guide

heard



Year 3/4 Spelling List – for reference

Year A	earth	length	regular
accident	eight	library	reign
accidentally	eighth	material	remember
actually	enough	medicine	sentence
address	exercise	mention	separate
answer	experience	minute	special
appear	experiment	natural	straight
arrive	extreme	naughty	strange
believe	famous	notice	strength
bicycle	favourite	occasion	suppose
breath	February	occasionally	surprise
breathe	forwards	often	therefore
build	fruit	opposite	though
busy	grammar	ordinary	although
business	group	particular	thought
calendar	guard	peculiar	through
caught	guide	perhaps	various
centre	heard	popular	weight
century	heart	position	woman
certain	height	possess	women
circle	history	possession	
complete	imagine	possible	
consider	increase	potatoes	
continue	important	pressure	
decide	interest	probably	
describe	island	promise	
different	knowledge	purpose	
difficult		quarter	
disappear	Year B	question	
early	learn	recent	