

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year!

I hope that you have all enjoyed a wonderful break together so that the children are all ready and raring to go with another term of learning. I cannot believe how quickly the year is going! There are a couple of timetable changes for this half term - our PE is now on a Wednesday and a Friday afternoon so please ensure that your child has their kit on these days. Secondly, after the success of our music lessons last term, the children are going to be given two new exciting opportunities this term - learning to play the trumpet and the recorder! Having learnt percussion and strings, we are now covering brass and woodwind - we will be able to form our own orchestra!

Dates for your Diary

Friday 25th January 2019 - Victorian School Day - Parents welcome 11.00-12.00pm and/ or 1.30-3.00pm

Wednesday 13th February 2019 - 2.15pm - Parents welcomed in to share predator projects (and stay for a story from 2.55-3.10pm if you wish).

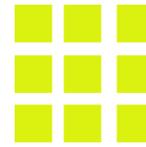
Monday 18th - Friday 22nd February 2019 - Half Term.

Thursday 28th February 2019 - Year 3 overnight trip to Novium Museum.

As always, please come and see myself or Mrs Smith at any time if you have any questions or you would like to discuss anything. By continuing to work together, we can keep ensuring the very best outcomes for your child.

In terms of securing the best outcomes, please keep supporting your child with their home learning I have been really impressed by the maturity and organisation that the children have shown towards this so far. The homework sheet has the main task (English/Maths), the timetable we are focussing on in class, the spellings we are working on in class for your support at home and a fun website that the children may like to explore. It is set on a Monday and is due in the following Monday. We do offer a free homework club after school if you wish for your child to complete this work then. Myself and Mrs Smith also love seeing the extra work that the children do at home - research on something that has caught their interest, stories etc so please do keep encouraging your child to bring these to show us!

Thank you, Mrs Tingle.



Nine Acres Primary School

Spring Term 1 2019

Alnwick Class

Mrs Tingle



Mrs Smith



Parent Information Leaflet



'Striving for Excellence'

Year 3/4 - Spring 1 2019- Theme: The Victorians/ Predator

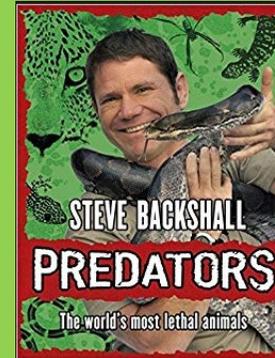
Science

In this half-term's topic, we are going to be trying to throw some light on our understanding of shadows! First, we will be looking at how light bounces off different materials, how important it is to us and what darkness is made from! Finally, we will be exploring how shadows are formed and looking for patterns in the way that the size of shadows change. We will also be making science links through our topic of 'Predator' in the second part of the half term.



English - Dickens and non-fiction Predator books

This half term we are going to be investigating further purposes for writing such as writing to inform and writing in a journalistic style as well as giving the children the opportunity to visit other text types such as diaries with a greater independence. The children will have opportunities to show their creativity such as designing their own 'ultimate predator' as well as developing their research skills such as researching information for an information text about the jobs Victorian children had to do. The key skills which we are going to focus on are editing, developing our range of sentence structures and using paragraphs to organise our writing.



P.E.

This half term the children will be having their PE on a Wednesday afternoon with our new teacher, Miss Barton, as well as on a Friday afternoon with Miss Mosely from 1.15 to 2.00pm. I know that Miss Mosely has lots of exciting ideas for dance and gymnastics planned! With all the hard work that the children will be doing in the mornings, it will be good for them to be able to develop their physical skills in the afternoons!



Mathematics

Having finished the Autumn term learning about multiplication and division in the context of times tables, this half term we begin by looking at the standard written methods for multiplication and division. We are then going to be doing some data handling as part of the statistics unit and a week's learning about money - giving a real life context for applying our addition and subtraction learning. Many thanks for supporting and getting your child in on time in the mornings for our 'Early Bird' sessions, the children are really enjoying the routine and we are already seeing a big impact in terms of their mathematical fluency.



Theme

We are going to begin this half term by completing our learning about the Victorians - particularly focussing on what life was like for a Victorian child. We are also going to have a 'Victorian School' day and I hope that some of you will be able to join us for this to take part in the learning alongside your child. We are then going to be looking at the topic of 'Predators'. This unit will combine geography and science and is a must for animal lovers! We will be using our learning in theme to inspire our writing in English. This half term I am setting the children a 'predator challenge'. I would like the children to investigate a predator of their choice and present their information however they would like - the more creative the better! As a result, I will not be setting any other homework in the second week but the children will have until the final Wednesday of the half term for their projects. I cannot wait to see what the children (and their adults if you wish) produce!

