

Class 2 Newsletter

Happy New Year to all pupils and parents!

We would like to start by saying a huge Happy New Year to you all and thank you for the kind Christmas cards, gifts and well wishes. We are now in the Spring Term and as you can imagine we have a busy but fun packed few weeks ahead of us! Here is a flavour of what we will be covering....

Core subjects

In Maths, we will be covering multiplication and division and encouraging the children to learn at least their 2, 5, 10 and 3 times tables off by heart. We will be recapping addition and subtraction methods and answering word problems. We will be making pictograms, tally charts and graphs as well as learning all about 2D and 3D shapes.

In English, we will be Reading 'The Gruffalo?' by Julia Donaldson and other books by this very famous author. We will be writing riddles, new stories, fact booklets and even writing some Gruffalo themed news reports. We will be recapping what nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs are and using them in our writing. We will continue to perfect our handwriting and reading our writing back to check it makes sense, trying our best to write really super sentences that are clear, accurate and interesting!

In Science, our topic is Animals and their habitats and we will have a visit from a travelling animal company on Friday 24th January to show us some of their wonderful creatures.

Wider Curriculum

Geography- Exploring the weather and seasonal changes and different weather patterns as well as looking at maps and locating capital cities.

History- Life in the 1950's, our author of the term 'Julia Donaldson' was a little girl during the 1950's and we are keen to find out what life was like for her. We are having a 'Into the 50's' themed day on Wednesday 15th January and a separate letter has been with details about this day.

Art- sketching, painting, and then exploring the artist Claude Monet.

DT- Exploring where in the world different food comes, how the weather can help crops and then designing and making a healthy pizza to enjoy!

RE Learning about Muslims and what they believe.

Computing- to know what algorithms are and different technologies that use them.

PE- Gymnastics and outdoor games (one session taken with Elite on a Thursday afternoon)

PSHCE- Learning about 'feelings' and how we can support one another

Music- Listening to pieces of music, discussing the sounds and then creating our own piece of music.

Homework From Thursday 16th January we will begin weekly homework, this will be either Literacy or Numeracy. The children will bring home the homework sheet glued into an orange homework book, please complete this and send back to school by a Monday in order for us to mark it and hand back out. We will always ensure there is a short example at the top of the sheet to show you how the task is to be completed. Homework will consolidate the learning that has taken place in class and ideally should take no longer than 20-30 minutes.

-Reading -please try to listen to your child read at least twice a week and send reading diaries and books into school each day for us to read in school

- **Rainbow Passport** – this will continue to be tested on Tuesdays and Fridays
- **Spellings and Phonics**- sent out on a Thursday and tested the following Thursday.
- **Half termly topic homework**- please see the attached letter

Any problems or concerns then please don't hesitate to see a member of the Y2 team and we will be more than happy to help.



P.E.

- Monday pm

-Thursday pm

Please ensure the correct kit is sent into school and left on pegs all week. Kit that is labelled with names is even more helpful for changing times!

How you can help your child:

- Listen to them read as much as possible and talk about what they have read, read a book from our '20 books in 2020 list'

-Practise their weekly spellings/phonics and have a go at putting them into sentences too.

-Practise Rainbow Passports

- Practise number bonds to 10/20/100 say them quickly.

-Learn the 2, 5, 10 and 3 times tables off by heart and say them quickly.

Key dates:

- Wednesday 15th January- 1950's themed day

-Friday 24th January- visit from Sam Safari in school

-Thursday 6th February- visit to 'This Green Moon' forest school to explore the 'Gruffalo' story