

# SPRING

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

We would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year! Thank you so much for all your Christmas gifts – they were very much appreciated! We hope that you all enjoyed the holidays and that the children are rested and looking forward to the new term ahead. The new topics and activities are ready to provide interest and challenges for the children.

## Curriculum

### English

Literacy focus areas for this term will include: Planning and writing stories, describing characters, accounts, reviews, writing comprehension tasks and writing and responding to poetry. We will also focus on alphabetical order, instructions, labels, diagrams and researching information.

Spelling, punctuation (focus on commas, question marks and apostrophes), grammar (focus on types of sentences), handwriting, drama and guided reading will all take place on a regular basis.

**Art, DT** and some of the **Music** will be linked to our class focus texts. Music will be taught by Mrs Wood, with additional singing enjoyed each week with Mr Roddy.

Other subjects will be taught separately:

**Science** - 'Uses of everyday materials', moving onto 'Animals Including Humans'.

**DT** – Making a puppet

**Geography** [Spring 1]

Do you need a sunhat in Antarctica?

**History** [Spring 2]

How do you stop a fire from burning?

**RE** – Islam and Easter.

**Computing** – 'We are photographers', basic word-processing and programming skills.

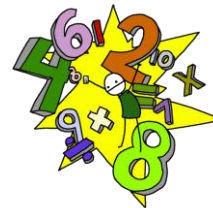
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**PE** – Dance and gymnastics.

### Maths

The children will cover a range of work as detailed below, including regular assessment sessions. Maths homework will sometimes be given to support work undertaken in the classroom.

This term we will be focusing on Multiplication, Division, Data-handling, Geometry (properties of shape), Fractions, and Measurement (length and height) as well as looking at all of these aspects through problem solving and open ended investigations.



## Homework

- Reading - We will continue to send home two books each week for your child to read with you. These will *either* be two Oxford Reading Tree (ORT) books *or* one ORT book and another text at an appropriate level from the classroom. **Please ensure that you have noted in your child's Record book whether they have read the books (hopefully more than once) otherwise we cannot change them every Wednesday. A comment relating to any discussion you have regarding comprehension of each book would be really helpful.**

In the meantime please continue to read with your child using a wide range of books including non-fiction and poetry. As the term progresses, the children will undertake more written comprehension tasks to ensure they understand the texts as well as how to answer questions accurately.

- Spellings – Will be sent home at the start of term. We may test them on words with similar spelling patterns or phonic sounds or they may be words related to specific topics. It is important that your child can spell these words accurately in *all* aspects of their written work. Hopefully they should also transfer their knowledge to enable them to spell other similar words more readily when writing. Spelling tests will take place **every Wednesday in 2L and every Friday in 2B.**
- Homework – the children will be set other work on Fridays. This could include Maths, Science or other subject areas relevant to their work in school. It should be returned to school **by the following Friday.**

### Library

The children will continue to borrow books from the School library **every week.** Mrs Belben's class will visit on a Monday and Mrs Lawrence's class will visit on a Tuesday. Please encourage children to return their books regularly so that they can develop their ability to select books and enjoy experiencing a range of fiction and non-fiction.



### School bags

Your child should have their green bag in school every day along with their reading books.

We would be grateful if these did not have large key rings on, or items other than books in the bag.

### P.E.

Please could you ensure that your child has their full kit in school **every** day and that everything is named at the start of the new school term. Please also ensure that your child has a tracksuit in **black or green** (school uniform colours], to wear for outdoor games. PE this term will initially be on Wednesdays and Fridays for 2L and on Tuesdays and Fridays for 2B.

### Aprons

We know that this has been included in previous newsletters but there are many children who still do not have either an old shirt or overall or a formal apron in school. Art is a regular lesson and these sessions can be messy!

### Drinks

Please ensure that your child has a *named* water bottle (*sports-cap type*) in school every day.

### Cooking

Are there any parents from class 2B who would be willing to arrange a rota to give children a session of cooking this term?

Many thanks if you are able to help in this way. Fri afternoon at around 2pm would be a good time for us.

Finally...

Many thanks for your help in all of these areas. Please remember, if you have any queries we are always happy to talk to you after school.

Yours sincerely,

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