



Year 2 Spring Newsletter 2022

Dear 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 had a restful holiday and are looking forward to the new term ahead.

Curriculum:

English

This term, we will be basing our English around various quality texts, some of which will also be related to our class topics in geography and history.

Our work will include information writing, writing accounts, writing in role as a character, diary entries, descriptions, instructions, reading comprehension tasks, and writing and responding to poetry.

Spelling work, punctuation (focus on capital letters, full stops, commas, question marks and apostrophes), grammar (focus on types of sentences) and handwriting practice will all take place regularly.

Maths

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

Geography 'Are there Emperors in Antarctica?'

This half term, our focus is on the fascinating continent of Antarctica. We will be learning to name the continents and oceans then learning all about the life and conditions in the coldest place on Earth!

Science

Our topic this term is 'Uses of everyday materials'. Using a 'hands-on' approach, we will be investigating why certain objects are made from different materials depending on their properties. We will also be asking how we can change the shape of some materials and why this may be useful.

History 'How do you stop a fire from burning?'

In the second half of the term we will be learning about 'The Great Fire of London'.

RE

Over the next few weeks we will be learning about Islam. We will be learning about how Muslims show commitment through different aspects of their lives. Next half term we will be studying Christianity and learning about how and why Christians celebrate Easter.

Computing

As you will have seen from our homework last week, we are currently working on a unit called 'We are photographers'. We will be learning about cameras, what makes a good photo, taking photos and editing our images. We will also be working on basic word-processing and programming skills later on this term.

PE

Dance, games and gymnastics.

Homework:

The children will be set homework 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**.

Reading

We will continue to send home two books each week for your child to read with you.

Please ensure that you have noted in your child's reading record book that they have read both books (hopefully more than once) before you return them for changing the following week.

A comment relating to any discussion you have regarding the comprehension of each book would be really helpful.

As the term progresses, the children will undertake more written comprehension tasks to ensure they understand the texts as well as learning how to answer questions accurately.

It will also help your child immensely if they can listen to you reading stories to them and if you could encourage reading a wide range of books from home, school and libraries.

Spellings

Spellings were sent home at the start of term and spelling tests will take place **every Friday**.

Things to remember:

Drinks

Please ensure that your child has a *named* plastic water bottle (*sports-cap type*) in school every day. This can be refilled in school whenever necessary.

Uniform

Please make sure that all items of clothing are clearly named, especially coats and PE hoodies which are frequently taken off at playtime.

Without a clear name, it can be very difficult to return missing items to their owners.

Finally, if you have any queries we are always happy to talk to you after school or we can be contacted via the home learning email account.

Yours sincerely,

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