

Spring Term Newsletter

Class 2

Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a lovely Christmas holiday. We are looking forward to welcoming the children back into school again.

Our topics this term will initially focus on Geography, looking at continents, oceans and comparing locations around the world. After the half term break, we will move on to learning about significant individuals in History. Further information about other subjects can be found on our class' annual overview on the school website.

There are a few temporary changes to staffing this term while Mrs Clifton and Ms Jackson are on pre-arranged holidays. Mrs Voss will continue to teach the class every Monday, Ms Jackson Tuesday-Thursday (Mrs Drew and Mrs Clifton will cover these days during February & March) and Mrs Clifton every Friday (Mrs Dyminski will cover these days during January). Miss Davis is our class teaching assistant and Mrs Hockley-Schwarz, Ms Walmsley and Mrs Thomas will continue as 1:1 support. We welcome Ms Sims to the class in the afternoons as 1:1 TA support.

Home Learning

Reading - Daily reading at home, for just 10 minutes, is such a valuable way of helping children to increase their confidence in learning. Please do record **any** reading in your child's reading record (we check these daily and change books twice weekly if they have been read) and make sure your child packs their school reading book and reading record in their bag every day. The Teach Your Monster to Read app is a great way of motivating children and visiting the local libraries helps to encourage reading beyond the school books.

Maths - Our Maths topics this term will start with 2D and 3D shapes and move on to multiplication and division and money. We have intentionally not promoted TT Rockstars this year, or begun Cracking Times Tables as we'd like to teach the key principles first and needed children to be confident in place value and adding & subtracting before moving on. If you are able to support your child in recapping their knowledge of place value, adding and subtracting, it would be really helpful, either through games or using www.topmarks.co.uk

Phonics/Spelling - We have now completed the KS1 program of phonics so will be moving on to learning Year 2 spelling patterns. Each week we will learn a different spelling pattern and apply it to words in school. Your child will be issued with a login for Spelling Shed so they can continue to practice at home. We will not be testing spellings in school but will encourage children to use their phonics knowledge and sound mats to help them spell more accurately when writing.

Home Learning tasks - From Monday 8th January we will restart weekly Home Learning activities, alternating between English and Maths each week. Please remember to send the book back to school each Monday so that we can look through the activity together and address any misconceptions.

General Reminders

PE: PE continues on **Tuesdays** and children can come to school wearing their PE kits on this day. All items of PE kit need to be clearly labelled and, as it gets colder, should consist of lots of layers and suitable outdoor footwear. Please ensure your child has a named, refillable water bottle in school every day too.

Forest School: Forest school clothes (long sleeved tops, jumpers/fleeces, trousers/leggings and waterproofs) can be worn to school on Forest School days. Named wellies can either be left in school on the racks outside of the classroom, or brought to school in a named bag on the day and taken home again. Our Forest School sessions until Easter will be on **Wednesday 24th January, Wednesday 21st February and Wednesday 20th March.**

Year 2 Class Assembly: Tuesday 19th March at 9am

The Class 2 Team

Spellings - Spring Term

Week 1 - 1st January (2 days in school)

No Spelling lessons

Week 2 - 8th January

Words where 'dge' makes a /j/ sound.

Week 3 - 15th January

Words where 'ge' makes a /j/ sound

Week 4 - 22nd January

Words where 'g' makes a /j/ sound

Week 5 - 29th January

Words where 'c' makes an /s/ sound before 'e', 'i' and 'y'

Week 6 - 5th February

Words where 'kn' and 'gn' make an /n/ sound at the beginning of words

HALF TERM - wc 12th February

Week 1 - 19th February

Words where 'wr' makes a /r/ sound at the beginning of words

Week 2 - 26th February

Words ending in 'le'

Week 3 - 4th March

Words ending in 'el'

Week 4 - 11th March

Words ending in 'al'

Week 5 - 18th March

Words ending in 'il'

Week 6 - 25th March (2 days in school)

Challenge words (Common Exception Words)