

Year 2 Newsletter – Spring 2 2023

Welcome Back

We are looking forward to having all the children back at school. It's going to be a busy half term with lots of things going on. Any questions please don't hesitate to ask!

Phonics and Reading

As explained in the previous newsletter there will be a huge emphasis on reading and phonics in our class. Children will continue to be taught in specific reading lessons at their level for 3 days of the week. We will work on the skills of comprehension as a whole class, while we continue to focus on expression and fluency.

Phonics

As we will be celebrating World Book Day this next month, it will be an exciting time to share the books you enjoy reading at home. Please continue to log in weekly to read the e-Collins reading books that your child has been practising in school.

Recommended reads: In class we are sharing the story of 'Georges Marvellous Medicine'



Writing



In the second half of the Spring Term, we are going to be looking at traditional stories, followed by some report texts. We will be comparing the features of stories and information texts. Children will then be taught the different ways to include description within sentences, and how to apply a variety of punctuation. We will work on pace, aiming for longer pieces of written work.

Maths

We will continue with our work on Multiplication and Division. Children will begin to understand the key relationship between multiplication and division. The focus for Year 2 is the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication times tables, and the related division facts. Further into the term we will introduce the topic of measurement, this includes length, height, mass, capacity and temperature.

Rock Star Maths will take place daily in our Maths lesson where children will practise their skills in number bonds/ times tables to a background of music.



Science – Taking Care



The children will be learning all about how to make good choices, and to lead a healthy and active life. This will focus on a healthy diet and ways to incorporate activity to promote a healthy lifestyle. It will also discuss ways to keep clean and think about personal hygiene.

Computing

This term we will complete the unit on Questioning. This includes using programmes which help us to collect data and analyse results.



D & T – A Balanced Diet

Children will learn about healthy food choices. They will design and prepare their own healthy wrap. This will include trying different food combinations, designing the packaging and evaluating how successful their choices are.

Geography – Hot and Cold Deserts

This topic involves looking around the world at different hot and cold deserts and finding out where they are located in relation to the equator.



Music – Zoo Time



Our unit for this term is called Zoo Time and looks at the genre of Reggae. We will learn to listen and appraise a number of pieces of Reggae music together, before learning and performing a number of songs, based on the theme of animals.

PE – Monday and Wednesday

Children will have 2 separate lessons during the week. This will include Athletic skills and a dance unit based on the theme of Winter.



PSHE – Healthy Me



Leading a Healthy and active lifestyle and having the information to make good choices.

RE – Christianity

Children will be learning all about the Easter Story and the concept of Resurrection.

Homework Project



Skills Builder

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities



Times Tables Rockstars

All children will be provided with their own log in details so you can access at home.



Spelling Shed

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Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude. Points can be 'spent' on prizes periodically.



Class information

Class Teacher: Mrs Smith

Teaching Assistants: Mrs May-Madden & Miss Hudgill.

Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan.

We request that all children bring a named water bottle to school every day.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.