



Spring 2 Newsletter

Welcome back!

We hope you have had a wonderful half term and are ready for an action packed Spring 2!

Our learning will be centred around the weather this term.

Reading for Pleasure!

We have been looking at how we can enjoy reading, why we should read outside of lessons and what books we would like more of in our classes. Did you complete the reading challenge with your child? What books have they read? What did you learn about their reading and their interests? These are the books we have read this year so far, can you talk to your child about these books?



Reading

This half term we will be reading *The Snail and the Whale* as our class reader. We will practise our summarising skills by identifying the main events from what we have read and completing summaries in our reading logs. It is a book full of different scenery and the children will enjoy learning new vocabulary!

Our reading lessons will focus on a range of reading skills including:

- Finding information in the text
- Understanding new vocabulary in context and considering why an author uses these words
- Using clues from the text to work out the feelings of characters
- Making predictions about what will happen next

Writing

Our writing units this half term will be based around our topic of weather and we will be reading *The Snail and the Whale*. Using this text, the children will write a postcard from one of the settings from the story.

The children will then rewrite a part of the story using expanded noun phrases. During this unit, the pupils will focus on adding full stops and commas to their writing. For example:

The story is about a tiny snail and a great big, blue humpback whale.

Please see the link below for further information linked to using commas in sentences:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zxvcrdm>

Maths

In Maths this half term, we will be covering:

Word problems- solving multi step word problems using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Money- counting coins, notes, exchanging money and calculating the total amount and giving change.

2D shapes- symmetry, patterns, moving and turning shapes.

To support your child further, here are some useful links:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zp8dmp3>

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History and Geography

In History, we will be learning about the weather in different countries. We will be exploring why the UK is cooler than Ethiopia. The children will be finding out more about the equator and what countries are classed as either hot or cold. We will be thinking about the climate that we live in impacts our day to day activities. We will be visiting Woodberry wetlands to explore our topic further.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 24th February e safety week

Thursday 27th February Voces8 Vocal project Years 1 2 3 4

Tuesday 4th March Y2 Forest School starts

Friday 7th March World Book Day dress up

Friday 7th March 3.30pm School council book sale

Monday 10th March science week

Tuesday 11th March The Yard Drama group starts

Thursday 13th March VOCES8 Years 1 2 3 4

Tuesday 18th March Parents Evening 3.30-5pm

Wednesday 19th March Parents Evening 3.30-6pm

Friday 28th March Year 2 Assembly

Friday 4th April Y2 Woodberry Wetlands trip

Friday 4th April - end of term 2pm finish

Preschool open

Preschool closed

Monday 21st April Bank Holiday

Tuesday 22nd April Summer 1 term starts



Campaign

Our class campaign this term is linked to 'Keep green.' We will be learning about how we can be a more sustainable school.

Science

Our Science topic this half term will be around sustainability and plants. We will explore how we can reduce our plastic waste around the school. We will also be learning about what plants need in order to grow, the different parts of a plant in more detail and the growth of plants in both light and dark.

We will develop our scientific skills by recording our results and observations, drawing conclusions and evaluating the accuracy of our investigation and results.

The links below provide some useful information about the plants we will be studying:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zpxnyrd>

ICT

Our topic this half term is 'Data and information- Pictogram'. We will develop our understanding of pictograms and how these can provide data and information.

PSHE

This half term our PSHE unit is 'Healthy Me'. During this topic, the children will think about and discuss different ways that they can be healthy and what they can do to look after themselves. They will learn and talk making better choices to sustain a healthy lifestyle.

RE

Our focus religion this half term is Christianity. Our key question is 'Why do Christians celebrate Jesus' resurrection at Easter?'. We will learn about Christian religious practices and beliefs.

PE

PE lessons this half term will focus on Hockey and team building.

Class PE Day: **Monday**

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on **Mondays**.

Music

The children will be exploring reggae music in their music lessons and will be developing their ability to create and write music. Throughout the topic they will be exploring how to use musical vocabulary accurately e.g. tempo (speed), volume and rhythm.

Spanish

In Spanish, our focus for this half term is 'places.' The children will learn how to use language linked to the jungle and naming the things in the jungle.

Art and DT

This half term in DT, the children will learn about weather and will be making weather paintings.

Please come and speak with me if you have any questions or concerns and I look forward to working with you all.

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