

Class 2 Newsletter Spring 2024

We hope you have had an exciting and relaxing Christmas holiday. We are excited to be back for a new term with your children. This newsletter should give you some general information for the year and also information about the topics which the children will be working on in the next term.

General Information

- PE will take place on a Tuesday and Thursday; children should come into school wearing their PE kits on these days.
- Forest schools will be on a Friday and children can come to school in appropriate clothing. They will need to bring in a warm coat and wellies for the winter.
- The children will need to bring reading books and records into school every day so that we can listen to them read. These should be taken home and daily reading at home should be recorded in the reading records. If your child reads 3x per week they will receive a small prize. If they read all term they will get a certificate in recognition of their achievement.
- The children can take home a purple book each week. They can swap these whenever they want a new one.
- Water bottles should be brought to school each day.

English

Our first English unit this term will be based on "The boy who cried ninja". The children will be learning the story and then changing some elements to create their own stories. We will be focusing on using capital letters, full stops, question marks and commas in a list. We will also be practising our handwriting each day.

After our narrative unit the children will be learning about how to write instructions.

Spelling

The children will be taught spelling in a daily spelling lesson. Some spellings that they have practised each week will be sent home on a Tuesday (with homework) to allow them to further practise at home. There will not be a spelling test in school.

Reading

The children will continue to read in reading groups 3x per week. We will have a session on decoding, prosody and comprehension. Once the children have done their 3 reads they will take the book home. The children will also bring home supplementary reading

books to read which they can change in school as and when they need them. These will be slightly easier than their group reading book to allow them to be read independently.

Maths

After finishing off our shape unit we will be learning about money. The children will learn to recognise coins and work out how to make amounts of money using the coins. They will practise their addition and subtraction skills in the context of money E.g. 23p + 21p = etc. They will also get lots of opportunities to practise counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. Later in the term we will move on to multiplication and division followed by fractions.

Science

Our science for this term is all about changing materials. We will be revisiting materials and their properties. We will be thinking about how materials can be changed by squashing, bending, stretching etc. The children will be conducting investigations to find the best materials for a range of jobs!

The rest of the curriculum

These are the units for the rest of the subjects:

Art: Exploring the world through mono-printing

Design: Moving Pictures

History: Shopping in the past

Geography: The UK and exploring Ashby

Computing: Programming

RE: Belonging to a faith community

PHSCE: Diverse Britain

PE: Gymnastics and Dance

Homework

Children should read at home 3x per week.

We will be sending home one piece of homework linked to English or maths each week. This should be given in on a Monday and books will go out again on a Tuesday.

Spellings will be sent home so that the children can practise them further. There will not be a spelling test.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to pop in to speak to us.

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