

YEAR 2 NEWS!!

Spring Term 2024

Happy New Year!

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for our gifts last term.

Another busy term approaches which we know the children will enjoy.

TOPIC

This term our topic is 'Story Time'. This will involve lots of cross-curricular work as we concentrate on different stories. We hope that the children will enjoy the different books that we have selected for them and that they will continue their learning at home with you by discussing the story plots and characters.

We would love to see some of the children's favourite stories from home. If they would like to bring one in to share with the class at the end of the day, please ensure that they are named.



Our science work this term will cover the topic of living things and their habitats. The children will be learning to identify and name a variety of common animals and the habitats in which they live as well as learning

Class Assemblies

Pine's class assembly is NEXT Friday -12th January and Lime's is the week after, on 19th. They will take place at 9am in the school hall. Parents are welcome to come and watch.

Trip

To support the work that we are doing in science we have planned a trip to Nower Wood. We will be looking at habitats and the creatures that live there. We will also be doing a session on pond life which will include some time pond dipping. This is on Tuesday 19th March. Thanks to those of you who have already paid for this. If you haven't yet paid, please do so via ScoPay.

Many thanks.

P.E

Outdoor games will continue on Wednesday mornings for the Spring term. Please do ensure that your child has the appropriate clothing.

Children **must** have a named track suit and socks (they may wear the ones they already have on, however if they are wearing tights, they will need a pair in their PE bag).

Plimsolls or trainers should be in school every day.

Gym and dance will continue to be on a Monday for Lime and a Thursday for Pine.



English

This term we will be focusing on letter writing, character descriptions, story settings and poetry. There will be many cross-curricular links as part of our 'Story Time' topic alongside regular speaking, listening and drama activities.

Weekly spellings will continue to be set for the children and tested on Mondays. **Please ensure these are practised at home at least 3 times a week.** The children will also continue to bring home a set of words that include the spelling rule of the week. These need to be practised and are 'tested' informally on whiteboards during our spelling lessons.

Maths

This term we will be working on the basic four rules of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, as well as reasoning. Remember that the methods we use for teaching multiplication and division are very different today, so please do ask your child to explain the method they have been taught, or check with us if you are unsure. We will continue to work on number bonds and place value. Other areas to be covered this term are weight, direction, 3D shapes & data-handling. Remember to use both Mathletics and 'TT Rockstars'/Numberbots as part of your child's homework.



Reading

Reading is vital for every child's education. We will read with your child weekly until they move to free reading, when from now on, we will listen to them read fortnightly. As the children begin reading more challenging books, it is **really important** that you question your child as much as possible to ensure that they understand what they are reading. When we assess their reading level, they need to be able to show they that they have understood what they have read, as well as referring to the text to find answers. It really makes a difference if your child reads daily to an adult at home, so please remember to comment, sign and date their Reading Record too. We will be checking that every child is reading daily (5 times a week) and if not they will miss one break time during that week, to catch up on their reading. Thank you for your continued support with this crucial activity.

Library

Please encourage your child to read and return their library books weekly on a Monday (Lime class) and a Thursday (Pine class). The children all have their own Libresoft log in, so will be able to check which books they have from home. In addition, they might like to write an online book review. These will be accessible for their peers to read. Please note, that they can only be written about a book that they have borrowed from our library. We will be showing the children how to access their Libresoft account next week, after which time, their log ins will be sent home.



Items to bring to school

- Please remember to send your child in with a named water bottle containing fresh water every day, as well as a packet of tissues.
- Our stock of glue sticks is running low, so please could you send one to school over the next week or so? These will be shared in the class, so there is no need to name them.



Homework

The homework will continue to be set online using TT Rockstars, Mathletics, and SPaG.com. Do let us know if you have lost any logins.

We hope that you have found the information here useful and we look forward to another fun-filled term with your children. Do remember to contact us if you have any queries. This can be done on the playground at the end of the day, or via the admin team email.

It is important that you keep us up to date with any changes in personal circumstances, which you can do via the school office.

Thank you
Year 2 team