

YEAR 2 NEWS!!

Spring Term 2016

Dear all,

Happy New Year! We hope that you all had a great Christmas! Thank you so much for all of your generous gifts. Another busy term approaches which we hope the children will enjoy.

Assembly date for your diary: 2K= Thursday 28th January



TOPIC

This term our topic is 'Story Time'. This will involve lots of cross curricular work as we concentrate on a different story book each week, such as Katie Morag, The Easter Story and The Mousehole Cat. We hope that the children enjoy the different stories we have selected for them and that they continue their learning at home with you by discussing the story plot and characters. We welcome any children's favourite stories from home which they would like to share with the class but please send them in fully named.

Our Science work this term will involve the topics 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. This learning will link to the end of term trip to Chessington Zoo!

SCHOOL TRIP!

On Friday 18th March we will be going on a school trip to Chessington zoo. This trip links to a story we will be reading that week and will support our non fiction

writing focus and

our

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P.E

We will continue to have outdoor Games on a Thursday afternoon (weather permitting) and indoor P.E on a Tuesday morning. Last term many children were cold because they did not have appropriate clothing. Children **must** have a named track suit, socks for PE and plimsolls or trainers in school every day. They may not wear tights as socks are required for PE. PE kit can be bought from the uniform shop (outside 2K) or an order can be placed online via the school website.



English

This term we will be focusing on letter writing, character, story settings and poetry. There will be many cross curricular links with our 'Story Time' weekly topics alongside regular speaking and listening and drama activities.

Spelling:

Weekly individualised spellings will continue to be set for the children. Please continue to work on these at home to support your child's learning. Your child's spelling score from last term will be sent home via their reading records.



Reading is vital for every child's education. We aim to read individually with your child as regularly as is humanly possible! They also take part in daily reading activities in our reading roundabout sessions and read/listen to a wide range of literature, which we access through a variety of activities. As the children are reading more challenging books, it is really important that you question them as much as possible to ensure that they understand what they are reading. When we benchmark children, they need to be able to scan the text for answers and show that they have understood before moving to the next level. It really makes a difference if your child reads daily to an adult at home. Please remember to comment, sign and date their Reading Record too! Thank you!



Library— Please encourage your child to read and return their library books weekly on a Tuesday afternoon. Please also encourage them to visit Horsley Library.

Maths

This term we will be working on the basic four rules of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division/ sharing.

Remember that the methods for teaching multiplication and division are very different today so please do ask your child the teaching method or check with us if you are unsure. We will continue to work on number bonds and place value too. Other areas to be covered this term are weight, directions, 3D shapes and data-handling.



Booster Groups: This term we are very fortunate to be able to split the children into three groups for English on a Wednesday and Friday morning and for Maths on a Wednesday morning as we have Mrs Dennis working with us as an extra teacher. This provides the opportunity for smaller group sizes, a closer monitoring of progress for each child and appropriate pace in order to achieve each individual's potential. Groups will not be fixed and children can move between them as and when is necessary.

SATs

In the Summer the children will be assessed in a number of ways including some written tests. These will cover aspects of English, Maths and Science. As always, we aim to keep them as low key as possible. They will be taking place during the 1st half of the Summer term - so please remember not to book any holidays during this time. Thank you for your co-operation.

Water bottles: Please remember to send your child in with a named water bottle containing fresh water every day.



We hope that you find this information useful and we look forward to another fun filled term. Do remember to ask if you have any queries. It is very important that you keep us up to date with any changes in personal details and circumstances.

Thank you from the Yr.2 team;
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