

YEAR 2 NEWS!!

Spring Term 2020

Happy New Year, we hope that you all had a great Christmas. We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your generous gifts.

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

During the Spring term Mrs Mumby will be having her non-contact day split across Wednesday morning and Thursday afternoon. We have been lucky enough to keep the cover for this within the existing teaching team with Mrs Conisbee teaching Lime Class on Wednesday mornings and Mrs Robinson on Thursday afternoons.

TOPIC

This term our topic is 'Story Time'. This will involve lots of cross-curricular work as we concentrate on three different stories. Our stories for the term will be 'Jim and the Beanstalk', 'The Minpins' and 'The Bear Under the Stairs'. We hope that the children will enjoy the different stories we have selected for them and that



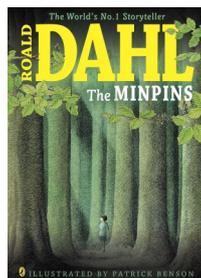
they will continue their learning at home with you by discussing the story plots and characters. We welcome any of the children's favourite story books from home which they would like to share with the class, but please ensure that they are

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.

Workshop

Rather than going on a trip, this term we will be taking part in a theatre workshop in school. The date for this is Friday 31st January. More details will follow soon, including information on how to pay. This looks set to be an exciting day during which the children will take part in a drama workshop and will end the day performing a play of 'The Minpins' to parents.



P.E

Outdoor games will be moving to a Wednesday morning for the Spring term. 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. All PE kit can be bought from the uniform shop or an order can be placed online via the school website. Indoor PE will continue to be on a Monday for Lime class and on a Thursday for Pine class. Next half term the children will be taught games by external coaches who are paid for through our sports' premium funding.



English

This term we will be focusing on letter writing, character description, story settings and poetry. There will be many cross-curricular links as part of our 'Story Time' topics alongside regular speaking, listening and drama activities. Weekly spellings will continue to be set for the children and tested on Wednesday. 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 sessions in class.

Maths

This term we will be working on the four basic rules of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division/sharing, as well as reasoning. 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. Remember to use 'TT Rockstars' as part of your child's homework.



Reading

Reading is vital for every child's education. We will read with your child weekly as per the reading policy. Once they move to free reading we will still aim to listen to them read weekly although this may occasionally be fortnightly. They will also take part in weekly reading activities during our 'Storytime' English lessons. As the children begin 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 assess the children's reading level, children need to be able to refer to the text to find answers as well showing 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, 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 their break to catch up on reading. If your child's reading record continues not to be completed they will attend Monday reading detentions with Mrs O'Neill. Thank you for your continued support here.



Library

Please encourage your child to read and return their library books weekly on a Monday (Pine class) and a Thursday (Lime class). Please also try to visit the local libraries with your child too.

Booster Groups

This term we are fortunate to be able to split the children into three groups for English and Maths on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. This provides the opportunity for smaller group sizes, a closer monitoring of progress for each child and appropriate pace. Groups will not be fixed so children may well move between them as and when is necessary.

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 stocks of glue sticks are running low, so please send one in over the next week or so. These will be shared 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 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 via the office.

Thank you
Year 2 team

SATs

During the 1st half of the Summer term, the children will be assessed in a number of ways including some written tests. These will cover aspects of English, Maths and Science. Whilst we aim to keep these as low key as possible, it is important that all children take part, so please remember not to book any holidays during the half term from April to May. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.