

YEAR 2 NEWS!!

Spring Term 2018

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 that we hope the children will enjoy.

Assembly date for your diary: 2M= Friday 9th February



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 Isabel's Noisy Tummy, 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 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. This learning will link to the end of term trip to Marwell Zoo.

SCHOOL TRIP!

On Thursday 1st March we will be going on a school trip to Marwell Zoo. This trip links to a story that we will be reading that week and will support our non fiction writing focus and our Science topic- living things and their habitats.



P.E

We will continue to have outdoor Games on a Monday afternoon (weather permitting) and indoor P.E is on 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. All PE kit can be bought from the uniform shop (outside 2M) or an order can be placed online via the school website.



English

This term we will be focusing on letter writing, character description, 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 spellings will continue to be set for the children and tested on Thursday. Please ensure these are practised at home at least 3 times a week. Your child's spelling score was sent home last term, with a list of spellings to learn from the Year 1 list. We will be moving onto the Year 2 list now so please continue to practise the Year 1 list at home.

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. Please remember to comment, sign and date their Reading Record too! We will be checking that every child is reading daily 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. It really makes a difference if your child reads daily to an adult at home. 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 with you on a Saturday.

Booster Groups: This term we are very fortunate to be able to split the children into three groups for English and Maths on a Monday and Wednesday morning as we have Mrs Foran working with us in 2M. 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 may move between them as and when is necessary.

Homework Pack

The homework packs have been sent home and are extremely useful. They follow along with what we cover in class and are useful to support your child's learning.

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



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.

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;
Ashleigh McGuigan, Sarah Robinson, Helen Foran, Caroline Hutt, Nadine Stroud and Lucie Paulson.

Maths

This term we will be working on the basic four 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' to help your child learn their timestables. We recommend 20 minutes a week.

