

Class 2 Spring 1 Newsletter 2022



Welcome to the third class newsletter of the school year! I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for all your support last term and for the lovely gifts I received at Christmas; they were really appreciated.

We are very lucky this half-term as we have a teaching student, Miss Gallagher, who will be supporting us every Tuesday before she begins a longer placement with us before Easter.

English

Our books this half-term will be linked to space. We will also be reading non-fiction texts linked to our general topic of explorers.

Y1 will continue to develop their phonic knowledge as they prepare for the national Phonics Screen in June and Y2 will continue to extend their spelling knowledge; this half-term's laminated spelling mat was sent home on Monday 10th January. We will all continue to improve and extend our range of punctuation: Y1 children will become more familiar with question marks and Y2 will learn how to use the apostrophe for contraction.

Maths

Both Y1 and Y2 will continue to reinforce their place value knowledge, computation skills and problem-solving skills. There will be a continued emphasis upon learning number bonds and Y2 will begin to learn their 2,5 and 10 times tables. We will also be working with fractions of both shapes and numbers and developing our measuring skills.

Science

Miss Jewett will be teaching Science again this half-term; the children will be exploring the topic *Growth and Survival*.

Art

In Art we will practise doing observational drawings and we will also be creating images of space using a range of media. As always, we will also be making crafts for our display area.

RE

Again, Miss Jewett will be teaching RE and the children will be exploring what it means to belong in Christianity.

Music

This half-term the children will be taught by Mrs Coulls. There will be a focus upon pitch, volume and rhythm and the children will learn lots of fun new songs! In class we will be developing our knowledge of classical music by listening to music linked to space during Quiet Time such as 'The Planets' Suite by Holst.

ICT

In ICT the children will continue to learn how to create instructions for using Bee-bots and they will also participate in activities linked to Safer Internet Day.

PE

Our PE days continue to be **Mondays** and **Fridays**. Miss Jewett will teach games on a Monday and I will teach dance on a Friday. *Please ensure that your child has his/her PE kit on the allocated days.*

PSHE

In PSHE our topic is *Keeping Myself Safe*; we will be exploring how to keep ourselves healthy and safe by eating well, getting enough sleep and exercising regularly. We will also explore scenarios involving 'good' or 'bad' touches as part of our RSE learning.

Spanish

In Spanish we will continue to develop our knowledge of greetings and basic phrases which we will practise across the curriculum whenever possible. We will also learn how to count up to 20.

History

Our History topic this half-term is *Who Made History?* We will be exploring the lives of significant explorers of land, sea and space.

General information

Books will be changed on **Thursdays**; please ensure that reading books are returned by Wednesday at least. Homework will continue to be given out on **Thursdays** and there will be spelling tests on **Monday** mornings.

Library books will now be changed on **Thursdays** as it was a little confusing having library book changes and Book Club on the same day!

Due to the ongoing situation re Covid 19 there are no after-school clubs for Class 2; hopefully, there will be a special revision club for Y2 children after half-term.

Please could children remember to bring in a water bottle filled with fresh water every day and please ensure your child has a jumper or cardigan to wear in class as we need to have windows and doors open for ventilation – it can be very cold in class!

Thank you again for your support and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Miss Forth