



Welcome to the fourth class newsletter of the school year! School is finally returning to normal after two very strange years and we have lots of exciting things to look forward to this half-term including Red Nose Day and Easter egg decorating.

We are very lucky as our teaching student, Miss Gallagher, will be working with us from March 14th. Her placement will continue until the final weeks of the Summer Term.

English

We will continue to enjoy reading stories and texts linked to our theme of space and explorers.

Y1 will continue to develop their phonic knowledge and Y2 will extend their spelling knowledge and application. Spelling cards have been given out for this half-term's words; please encourage your child to practise their words daily if possible. We will all continue to improve and extend our range of punctuation which will include apostrophes for possession for Y2. We will also continue to practise our handwriting every day.

Maths

Both Y1 and Y2 will continue to reinforce their place value knowledge, computation skills and problem - solving skills. We will also be learning about position and direction which we will link to Geography and ICT and we will explore fractions. Y2 children will have access to *Times Tables Rock Stars*, an online tool to practise their times tables in a fun, interactive way. Codes will be provided.

Y2 will begin to prepare for their special assessments (SATs) by working through test-type questions and past papers.

Science

Miss Jewett will be teaching Science again this half-term; the children will learn how to identify plants. They have already planted broad beans so hopefully we will be able to eat them during the summer term!

DT

In DT we will be using our baking skills which will also include applying our Maths skills of weighing and measuring. Issues such as food hygiene will be addressed during all food technology lessons.

RE

Again, Miss Jewett will be teaching RE and the children will be exploring how Christians celebrate Easter.

PE

Our PE days continue to be Mondays and Fridays. Miss Jewett will teach PE on a Monday and a specialist coach will teach the children on a Friday.

Please ensure that your child wears their PE kit on the allocated days and that, if possible, earrings are not worn at all.

PSHE

In PSHE we will explore rights and responsibilities including friendship and how we should behave towards each other in a kind, thoughtful way. We will discuss how we can get along together and how we can resolve any problems. We will also begin to explore how we can be responsible with money.

Spanish

In Spanish we will learn how to ask and answer simple questions, as well as continuing to practise counting and even completing some Maths in Spanish!

Geography

We will be learning simple compass skills and linking our knowledge to Maths lessons by designing maps and using position and direction to find places and objects. We will also explore hot and cold regions across the globe.

ICT

We will continue to use digital devices to program simple journeys and make sets of simple instructions. We will also store and retrieve information.

Homework

We will use both online and paper resources this half-term; children will be provided with codes for *Classroom Secrets*.

Extra curricular activities / class news

There will be an after school revision club for **Y2 children only** which will begin on Tuesday 8th March from 3.15 - 4.15. This is to prepare the children for the SATs which they will take during the first half of Summer Term in Reading and Maths. A permission slip will be sent out to be signed and returned to school.

The children have responded really well to our weekly visits to the school library! Please remember that library books are changed on Thursdays and that money can be brought in on a Friday for Book Club, which is also proving to be very popular.

Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle. School sells very good, non-spill bottles for £1.50 which are available to buy from the office.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and to ask you to contact me if you have any questions, suggestions or concerns. Hopefully I will be able to meet you in person this half-term!

Miss T. Forth

