



## Class 2 – Spring 2

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the half term break, this half term will be very busy as we lead up to Easter!

Our theme for this term continues to be 'Incredible Journeys' and our focus will be journeys made by pirates.

### English

Phonics will continue to be taught every day following Little Wandle Letters and Sounds scheme. Children are split into two groups:

Group 1) Children who are secure with Phase 5 sounds follow the Year 2 Little Wandle spelling scheme.

Group 2) Children focus on Phase 5 sounds and work towards the Phonics Screening in the summer term.

I am very impressed with how hard all of the children have been working during our phonics lessons and it is showing in the children's reading and writing.

I have carefully chosen exciting texts to share with the children that link to our theme that will provide inspiration for writing opportunities (please see images below). Children will develop their spelling, grammar and punctuation and have the opportunity to write a set of instructions, a wanted poster and write a non-chronological report for one of the inspirational people who we will be learning about.

As a school we follow Letter-join Handwriting scheme and the children receive two handwriting lessons a week as well as the opportunity to practice their letter formation every morning. Year Two pupils are now beginning to join their letters and this is encouraged in all lessons.

All children have access to Letter-join which they can use at home to access a number of games and tools to support handwriting.

### Maths

In maths we will be focusing on multiplication, division and written methods of addition and subtraction. Year 1 children will begin to work with numbers 0-50 and recognise patterns in number. Year 2 children will focus on multiplication and division facts for 2, 10, 5 and 3 times tables and can now access TT Rockstars which will support them in their learning. If your child knows number bonds to ten, it helps to build the foundations for more complex arithmetic. Can I please encourage the use of NumBots at home as it is a fantastic resource and already I can see the impact it is having on the children's recall of number facts.

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### Science

In science we will learn about animals and their offspring and explore the life cycles of animals including humans—and what they need to survive. We will focus on how diet, exercise and rest are important for the health of humans. Mrs Gilson has kindly invited us to visit the farm in the village during lambing season to support our science topic. This will be a fantastic opportunity for the children - more information to follow.

### PE

Our PE days are a Monday and a Friday. On a Monday we will be focusing on the dance unit, Cat Dance. The children will create and perform a short dance inspired by the movement and behaviour of a house cat. On a Friday we are fortunate to have a coach in school who will be supporting the children in football. Please make sure your child comes to school wearing the correct PE kit and sensible footwear as PE might be outdoors depending on the weather. We ask for long hair to be tied back and all jewellery to be removed. **Having items of school clothing named will be beneficial to all, as important learning time can sometimes be wasted finding out which jumper/ cardigan belongs to which child!** This will hopefully avoid your child coming home without the correct clothing. I will continue to keep an area in the cloakroom for any lost property found in Class 2 so please ask if your child is missing anything.

### DT

In DT we will be focusing on food technology and the children will have the opportunity to design and make a pizza. We will explore and taste a variety of bread from around the world and take part in a workshop where we will make our pizza dough.

### Geography

In geography we will be looking at maps of our local area and creating keys to symbolise important places within the village and surrounding areas. The children will learn the points of a compass and use these to think about what we would find in different directions if we went exploring beyond Byers Green.

### Pirate Day

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March Class 2 are going to have a pirate day and I would love it if all of the children could come to school dressed as a pirate, this could be a token accessory and does not have to be a new costume. We will have an adventurous day exploring Byers Green and using the treasure maps we will make in class to help us find hidden treasure.

### Homework

**I cannot express how important reading is - it affects everything we do.** The more your child practices the better they become - I am so pleased with the positive attitudes to reading the children are showing this year. Your child will be given two home reading

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books which will be changed every Wednesday after they have read - **please ensure this is in school on time.** Homework and reading books will then be sent back out on a Friday. During the week, your child will read twice to an adult 1:1 and then within a small group. Children also have access to PurpleMash, Letter-join, NumBots and TT Rockstars all of which are available to access at home and I encourage the use of these to support what we are learning in school.

**I would encourage you to listen to your child read at least twice a week as the more they read the more fluent they will become.**

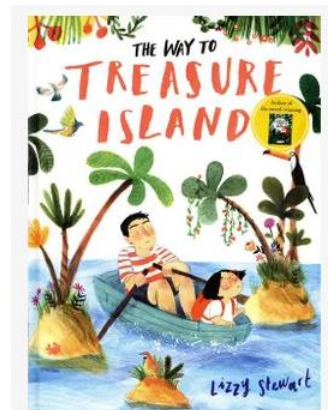
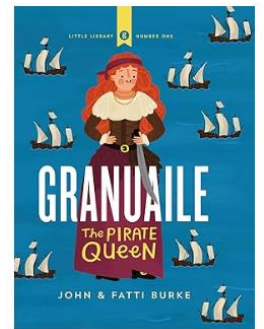
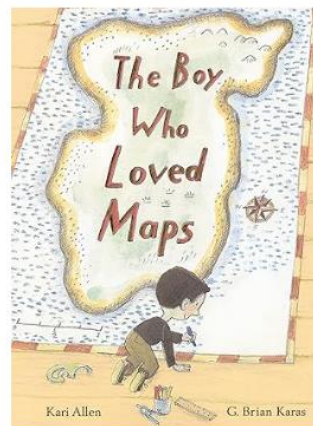
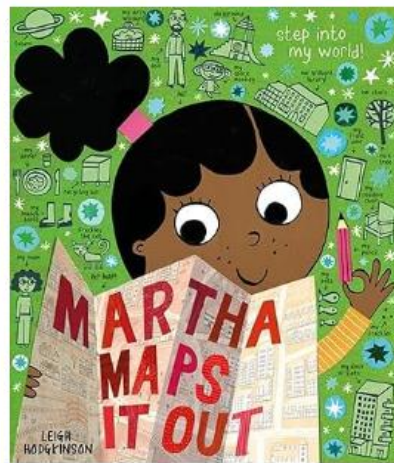
Miss Forth will continue to teach RE, Music and Spanish on a Wednesday afternoon.

I am really excited about the term ahead and know the children will have a fantastic term!

Should you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Mrs Bradwell



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Spelling test		Reading book due in school		Spellings and reading book sent home
PE kit				PE kit (outdoor)

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**Please could all children bring in an empty 4 pint milk bottle in preparation for our World Book Day craft.**