

Class 2 – Summer 1

Dear arents,

Welcome back, I hope you all had a lovely Easter break!

Our new classroom topic is all about looking after our world with a focus on endangered animals and how we can help care for our local environment.

English

Phonics will continue to be taught every day following the Little Wandle Letters and Sounds scheme. Children continue to be taught in two groups; one for phonics and one for spelling. The phonics group will be revisiting all of the sounds they have learnt since September in order to prepare them for the Phonics Screen, which will be administered across the country to all Year One pupils in June. The children are now reading pseudo (alien) words during their phonics lessons. The children need to read 'alien' words as part of the phonics screen, as they assess whether your child can decode a word using phonics skills. 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, writing and in their termly assessments.

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 descriptions, a short story, poetry, a persuasive letter and a non-chronological report about endangered animals.

Maths

In maths we will be focusing on multiplication, division, fractions and telling the time. Please support your Year One child in counting in steps of 2, 5 and 10s. Year Two children should be growing more confident in reciting the 2x, 5x and 10x tables. Please can I encourage you to support your child when accessing Times Table Rockstars at home. This will support them in their learning as we are going to be holding competitions in class. I strongly encourage the use of NumBots at home as it is a fantastic resource that the school has invested in and it really is beneficial to fluency in maths.

Science

In science we will learn about habitats and the types of animals and organisms living within them. The children will compare local habitats and habitats from around the world as well as exploring microhabitats and food chains.

PE

Our PE days are a Monday and a Friday. On a Monday we will be focusing on games - Beanbag Throw. The children will develop fielding and batting skills. On a Friday we will be developing athletics. 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.

Next Thursday (25th April) Class Two will be going to Hardwick Park to partake in Outdoor Adventurous Activities, please make sure your child comes to school dressed appropriately for the weather.

Forest School

On Tuesday afternoons we will restart forest school, we will complete activities that will develop play, exploration and supported risk taking. Therefore, please could you make sure your child comes to school with appropriate footwear and a water proof coat that they can use when working in the school grounds in different weather (these items could be left on your child's peg for future use).

Geography

In geography we will name and locate the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the equator and think about areas where animal habitats are being harmed. We will think about how we can look after our planet and the small changes we can make.

Homework

I cannot express how important reading is - it affects everything we do. The more your child reads, the better they become - I am so pleased with the positive attitudes to reading the children are showing this year. Your child will read 3x throughout the week and have a home reading book 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.

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.

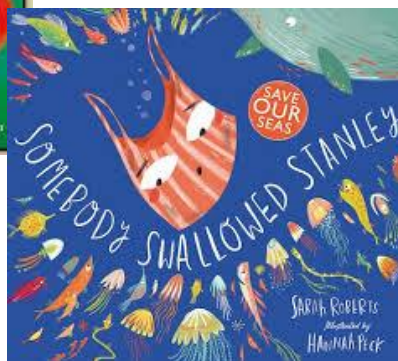
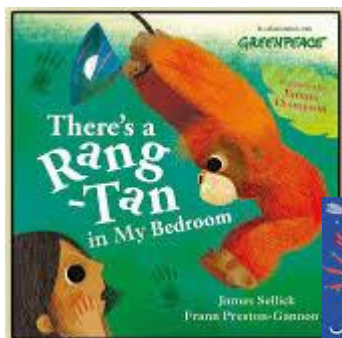
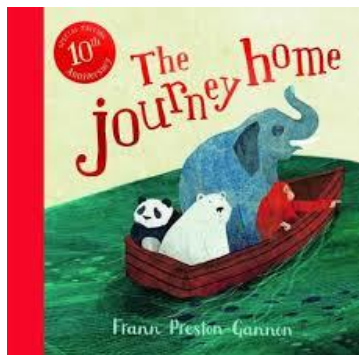
Miss Forth will continue to teach RE, Music and Spanish on a Wednesday afternoon.

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 – Year 2 PE kit (outdoor)	Forest School	Reading book due in school		Spellings (Year 2) and reading book sent home PE kit (outdoor)

