



'Spurring each other on with love'

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Year 2 Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service Visit

On Monday 19th January we welcome the education department from Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue service to our school. They will lead a whole school assembly about fire safety and then spend the afternoon in Year Two to teach the children more information and details about fire safety in the home.

Reading

Thank you for supporting your child with their reading at home. We continue to promote and put a big focus on reading. We are encouraging the children to read every evening either alone or with an adult.

Maths

This week, we will;

- Count fluently in 2s, 5s and 10s.
- Use concrete examples to illustrate multiplication.
- Calculate multiplication on an empty number line.
- Relate multiplication to division through studying arrays.



English

This week, we will;

- Plan the structure of a non-chronological report.
- Take concise notes from our reading.
- Transfer notes into full sentences.
- Proofread word spelling, punctuation, grammar and sense.

Music

We continue to learn to play the Ocarina. The children made super progress in their first lesson. This is a wind instrument suitable for KS1 children. We will spend 10 weeks learning and then perform at the Spring Music Festival.

Art

This week, we will begin a sequence of learning about the Russian abstract artist Wassily Kandinsky. We will begin by studying, shades, tints, shapes, lines and what makes art abstract.

Science

This week, we begin a new sequence of learning entitled 'Living things and their habitats'. We will begin by studying habitats in our local area country.

Homework

Homework is set on a Friday and should be returned by the following Thursday. Children should work for half an hour and complete as much as possible. Homework is designed as a consolidation exercise and as an opportunity for demonstrating knowledge and understanding and should not be onerous.

History

This week, we continue to learn about the life and works of Florence Nightingale and her impact on modern day nursing. We will also focus on how she improved the conditions in the hospital in Scutari during the Crimean war.



Spelling

A spelling test of 10 of the words containing the spelling pattern taught will take place on Fridays. Scores will be recorded in the Home-school diary. A list of the Year Two spelling progression is printed in the home-school diaries.

Old magazines and leaflets

If you have any old magazines or leaflets at home, please can we have them for our art project? Please send them into school by **Tuesday 27th January**. We will be using them to make colourful collages.

General information

- P.E. kits, reading books and home-school diaries will be needed in school every day. PE kits can be left on their peg.
- As the weather becomes colder and wetter, please ensure that your child has an appropriate coat in school every day.
- As always, it is important to label all your child's belongings with your child's name.

Year 2 Information

- A labelled drink bottle for WATER should be brought to school each day.
- Your child will bring home a reading book to read with an adult at home. They will also bring home a phonics-based book which should be read every day at home and can be changed on Mondays and Thursdays. This is to enable the phonic patterns to be embedded through repeated reading of the text containing the sound.
- Children have an opportunity to change their library book after a book quiz each day.
- PE lessons will take place on Mondays (outdoors) and Fridays (indoors).
- We love to hear about important events or occasions in the children's lives. We set aside a short amount of 'show and tell time' once a week, usually on a Monday. This is the weekly opportunity to share with the class or bring in special things to show.
- Children will take part in various guided group activities with their teacher or teaching assistant each week.



- Please ensure that important information is communicated to school using the home-school diary. For example, if somebody else is collecting your child from school or if your child has a medical appointment. Please ask your child to make us aware of messages.

Please do not hesitate to speak to us if you have any worries, concerns or questions.

Yours sincerely

Mr Harding & Mrs Wall

