



'Spurring each other on with love'

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Year 2 Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Food tasting

Last Thursday, the children thoroughly enjoyed tasting 10 different fruits along with milk and cheese, as part of our Geography learning about where our food comes from.

Parents' Evenings

We look forward to meeting with you this week on 24th, 25th and 26th March. Please do arrive 5-10 minutes earlier than your appointment and come in to look at your child's books.

Spring Music Festival

Year Two will be performing the ocarina at the Spring Music Festival on Wednesday 1st April at the 2pm session. We invite you to come and watch and listen.

English

This week, we will:

- Write a text from two different viewpoints
- Extend sentences by using coordinating and subordinating conjunctions.
- Use adjectives to add detail to nouns.
- Edit and revise our writing.



Maths

This week, we will:

- Estimate and calculate in grams, kilograms, litres and millilitres
- Compare and order mass, volume and temperature using < = >
- Read measurements of mass from scales.
- Solve problems involving units of measure.

Science

This week, we continue a sequence of learning about plants. We will look at plants, seeds and bulbs and investigate the conditions they need to germinate and grow healthily. We will also monitor our potato crop and check on our seed growing investigation.

DT

In our Design Technology this half term we be studying textiles. Children will design and make a glove puppet using sewing techniques learnt. This week we continue to learn to thread a needle and use sewing techniques.

Geography

This week, we continue our Geography topic entitled 'Why does it matter where my food comes from?' This week we will be learning about some of the countries where imported fruit is from and the importance of understanding sugar in our diet.

Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) - online times-tables practice tool

Year Two children have been introduced to TTRS. This is a useful tool for practising times tables. Your child's login information is on a sticker inside their home-school diary, the same as for Numbots, and a letter was sent home last week with information for parents. Please support your child to access this learning tool little and often. If you have any questions, please ask. TTRS practice is this week's homework task.

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.



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.

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.

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 is 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

