



'Spurring each other on with love'

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Year 2 Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back to school to the start of the summer term. We hope that you had a relaxing Easter.

The final homework of last term involved researching 5 facts about an animal of choice in preparation for writing a text in our English lessons this week. Please ensure this is completed by Tuesday 21st April as we will be using the information in class on Wednesday.

Spring Music Festival

We were very proud of Year Two's performance playing the ocarina in the Spring Music Festival at the end of last term. Well done to the children for their hard work and thank you to all the parents that attended to support.

English

This week, we will:

- Complete our class innovation along the theme of 'I don't like snakes'



- Begin to innovate our own individual version using the animal researched for homework.
- Practise writing clear and precise compound sentences.
- Revise common homophones

Maths

This week, we will:

- Revise addition and subtraction of two 2-digit numbers.
- Revise multiplication and division and the related facts for 2, 5 and 10 times tables.
- Estimate and measure to the nearest half centimetre.

Science

This week, we will be looking at the stages of the life cycle of a human and the life cycles of other mammals.

History

This week, we will begin our new History topic 'Communication through the ages'. Our first lesson involves learning about early writing systems with a focus on Egyptian hieroglyphs.

Art

This week, we begin our new Art topic. We will be focusing on sketching skills.

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

Please continue to support your children to access Times Tables Rock Stars little and often at home. If you have any questions please ask.

Homework

Homework consists of weekly tasks reflecting and consolidating the class teaching from the week.



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 and demonstration of knowledge and understanding and should not be onerous. A spelling test of 10 words containing the phonics spelling pattern learnt on the previous week will take place each Friday. Scores will be recorded in the Home-school diary.

Reading

Learning to read is essential to allow children to read to learn across the curriculum. In addition to their school reading, it is very important that every child endeavours to read each day at home. This could be independently, to an adult, in unison with an adult or to a younger sibling. A parent reading to a child is also a fantastic tool for improving children's reading, vocabulary and understanding of sentence structure and syntax.

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 now more sunny, please ensure that your child has a hat or cap in school.
- As always, it is important to label all of your child's belongings with your child's name.
- Please ensure your child has a labelled drink bottle for WATER.

Please don't hesitate to speak to us if you have any worries, concerns or questions.

Yours sincerely

Mr Harding & Mrs Wall

