

# YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER

January 2025

Welcome back!

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas.

In our history lessons this term, we will continue to find out about historical events and significant people who changed the world. The children will be deepening their knowledge on several topics covered in Year 1, including the life and work of Emily Davison and Rosa Parks as well as Neil Armstrong and The Moon Landing.

In geography, pupils will be looking at physical and human features of Great Britain, the United Kingdom and its capital cities.

In art the themes will be 'Food' and 'In the Jungle'. We will be using inspiration from the works of Paul Cezanne so that the children can create their own still life painting. In term 4, we will learn about Henri Rousseau's jungle paintings and the techniques he used.

In our science lessons, the children will be investigating habitats before moving on to learn more about the properties of materials. In term 4, the children will find out more about seasons, weather and how day length varies.

## Maths

In maths, the children will use multiplication and division facts within the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. They will also learn that multiplication can be done in any order and will use this knowledge when solving problems involving these types of calculations.

Pupils will also be learning about money, the value of different coins and notes. They will look at how many pennies make a pound and how to solve addition and subtraction calculations using money.

In Term 4 we will learn about length, height, mass, capacity and temperature.

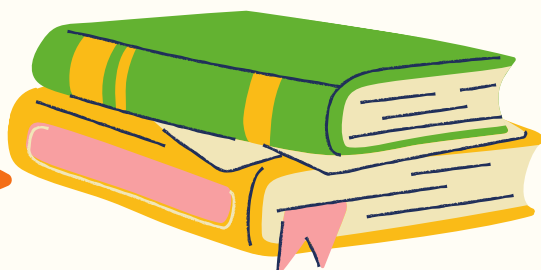


As we have mentioned previously, we encourage the children to take responsibility for their own belongings and remember the daily routines of the class.

This includes taking out letters, contact books, reading books and homework from their bags and putting these in the appropriate places each morning and to empty their trays, bringing home letters and books each afternoon.

The children are reminded of these requirements each day but we no longer go through individual bookbags. Therefore, if you know your child has something important to hand in, please remind them of this before they come in to school.

Thank you for supporting us to develop the children's independence.



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## What will we be learning about in English?

The children will be looking at both fiction and non-fiction texts, writing fact-files, letters, recipes and using texts to inspire descriptive writing. We will be focusing particularly on using correct spellings within our writing and ensuring our letters are neat and formed correctly. Please encourage your child to form their letters the way they are shown at school whenever they write at home.

We will continue to work on recognising and including nouns, adjectives and verbs in our writing. We will also focus on beginning our sentences in a variety of ways as well as using commas, apostrophes, question marks and exclamation marks alongside basic punctuation when writing independently. Please continue to support us by helping your child to work on spelling patterns using the Spelling Shed app.

As always, reading regularly is the best way to ensure your child makes progress across all areas of the curriculum.

## Woodland Adventure

Woodland Adventure has now started again and will be every Monday. Please can you make sure your child has appropriate clothing for this. If your child does not have the appropriate kit they will still attend in their school shoes and coat as we do not have enough spare clothing.

## **Spellings, Woodland Adventure and P.E.**

- Monday - Woodland Adventure
- Wednesday - Outdoor P.E.
- Thursday- Spelling Quiz
- Friday - Indoor P.E.

# DON'T FORGET

