

Homework

We encourage all children to read for a short time every day at home. Your child will read most days at school either independently or to an adult. This may not always be their individual reading book, this book is for your child to read to you at home. As the children become more fluent, we will encourage them to take responsibility for changing their reading book once it has been read. We welcome the positive comments you make in the reading record and appreciate the time you take to listen to your child. It really helps them! Those children that make the most progress are those children who read at home on a daily basis.

Children will be given spellings and homework on Monday which should be returned by Friday.

Spellings will be tested on Friday morning. Your child will also bring home a piece of maths work each week. Each piece of work reinforces work already covered in school and should take approximately 15 minutes. (These times are a guideline - some pieces may take less time, some more).

For this term's topic homework we would like the children to design a habitat in a show box. First get a shoe box. Next choose a habitat. Here are some ideas:- forest, sea, polar, rainforest, desert. Then decorate the inside of your shoebox to look like your habitat eg a forest habitat might have trees and leaves. After this add 3d animals (models or pictures either printed or drawn. There are lots of ideas online, just type habitat shoe box into google. Please bring into class on (or before) Monday 4th March.



Key Stage 1 Tests

We will be holding a workshop to give you further information about the KS1 SATs on Tuesday 26th March at 2.30pm.

Expectations in Year 2

Children throughout the school are encouraged at all times to be polite, diligent and hard working. We want the children to do the best they can and feel a sense of pride and achievement in everything they do. We put emphasis on the presentation of the children's work. We encourage and teach independence and organisational skills.

We hope you will find this information useful. If you have any further questions or queries please pop in to see us.

We look forward to a happy and enjoyable Spring Term!

Thank you for your continued support. It really is appreciated!

With very best wishes,

Sam Lane and Louisa Cudmore



Year 2 Class Booklet—Spring Term

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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a fantastic break and the children are raring to go! This term promises to be a busy one! The children are already getting excited about their new topic — The Rainforest. Sadly there is no trip to Brazil planned but we will be visiting The Eden Project on Thursday 7th February (a letter will be sent out with further information nearer the time).

We hope you find the following information useful, and it gives you an insight into the teaching and learning that will take place in Year 2 during the Spring Term (although we are sure things will change as we go along).

Mrs Cudmore will teach the class on Mondays and Tuesdays and Mrs Lane will teach Wednesday to Friday. Mr Rickard will take the children for PE and Mrs Couch will be teaching PSHE using the Jigsaw curriculum on Wednesday afternoon.

English

In English this term, we will be exploring explanation texts on plants, writing an information book and an adventure story based on the rainforest, writing riddles about rainforest animals and writing a recount about our trip to Eden.

On a weekly basis we will also be covering the following:-

- * Comprehension based on different texts
- * Weekly spellings to learn at home based on a spelling pattern
- * Grammar exercises
- * Group guided reading once a fortnight
- * Individual reading either independently or to an adult
- * Handwriting practice— this half term the children will continue to practise joining their letters using our new cursive font. Please see the attached sheet explaining how we are now forming our letters. All children are expected to join their letters (correctly) by the end of the year.
- * Daily SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) lessons.
- * Visit the library every Wednesday to choose a new library book.

Maths

In maths we will be continuing to follow the White Rose Maths planning, adopting the mastery approach to teaching. We will continue to build on your child's knowledge of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, and explore the relationships between the different operations.

This term we will be exploring:

Division, statistics, shape, fractions, length and height.

Science

We will finish our topic 'Exploring Everyday Materials' by investigating the properties of materials, to find out which material is the most suitable to make a 'waterproof' poncho. We will also learn about a variety of habitats and the plants and animals that live there. We will make observations of a habitat and the creatures that live there. We will then move on to learning about Plants. We will explore the different parts of a plant and investigate what conditions are needed for a healthy plant to grow.

RE

In RE we will explore why Easter is special to Christians. We will be learning about the life and significance of St Piran to Cornwall.

Computing

In Computing we will be discussing the importance of E-Safety and learning how to stay safe online. We will continue to use ICT to support our learning in all subjects. In ICT we will be creating short animations about The Rainforest.

PSHE

Each Wednesday the children will have PSHE lessons based on the Jigsaw Framework. During this term we will begin looking at the topic 'Dreams and Goals' followed by 'Healthy Me'.

Topic

We will be covering the curriculum in History, Geography, Design and Technology and Art through a topic each term. In Geography we will be learning about The Amazon Rainforest and Brazil. In History we will be learning about different explorers and the impact they have had in the world we live in. In DT we will be focusing on cookery and we will be making Rainforest Cookies. In Art we will be using pastels to draw pictures of toucans.

Music

Our music topic this term is called 'Hands, Feet, Heart' by Joanna Mangona. A song that celebrates South African music. After half term we will be learning and practising the songs for this year's Spring Festival.

PE

The children will continue to have PE on Wednesday afternoons with Mr Rickard. They will also be having football lessons every Tuesday afternoon with Kitson until half term. Your child may wear leggings or jogging bottoms and trainers for outdoor P.E. lessons, however please ensure your child has black shorts and a blue school t-shirt for indoor P.E. lessons. A **named** P.E. kit should be in school at all times. Also don't forget we will be running our 10 minute mile every Friday!