



Spring term

Class 2

Welcome back everyone!

We have started as we mean to go in Class 2, full steam ahead!

The first two weeks are over already, but we have covered a lot of skills work and the children have all settled into a routine and are well motivated within their work.

In the Summer term, all **Year 1** pupils will be completing a **Phonics Screening Test** as well as the other classroom assessments. I will send home a list of the sounds that are covered within the test later in the term.

The **Year 2** pupils will now be completing new standardised tests involving **Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling** as well as **Arithmetic** and the usual maths assessments. These tests will also take place in the Summer term.

In the last newsletter I did state that we would try to listen to your child read twice a week, but unfortunately with all the pressures of the new curriculum, we have only been able to listen to your child read once a week. Please be reassured, that your child's reading skills are developed continuously through whole class teaching and through their work as well as reading with an adult.

I would be continually grateful if you could ensure that your child is equipped with their book bag, reading book and reading record book every day, to help us provide the best opportunities in reading for your child.

Please note that throughout this term your child will sometimes be given 2 pieces of homework. I realise that some children are reluctant to complete schoolwork at home, but it does make a difference, so if your child is struggling please contact me. *Thank you so much for your support Mrs Hill*

Themes for the term:

The History of the Locomotive



Where in the world are we?

&

Hot and Cold Places



As you can see, there is a big emphasis on history and geography skills.

History

Within history we will be developing our knowledge of how we learn about the past and developing an understanding of why some events happened. The children are going to learn about Timothy Hackworth, a northern man who worked alongside George Stephenson and played a very important role in the invention of the Locomotive.

Geography

This term's Geography will lead into next terms. The children will be using lots of maps to help them develop an understanding of where they are in the world.

Children will then learn about hot and cold countries around the world and the relevance of the equator.

Music

The children will listen to, review and evaluate a range of music from different traditions and cultures.

Art

Our class will be taking part in a Community Arts Project. It will result in the composition of mosaic tiles which will be displayed in the Community centre.



Writing

The emphasis placed on letter formation and presentation last term has ensured that all pupils have made progress in this area, and expectations will remain high. Could you please continue to encourage your child to produce neat legible letters and digits when completing homework.

During this term, we will be thinking very carefully about what we write.

In year 1 we will be spending a lot more time on sentence work whilst continuing with progression in spelling.

The year 2 children will also be focussing on sentence work. They will be looking at how they can make their sentences more creative, write consistently in past tense and they will be working really hard to use the correct punctuation.



Maths



There will be a big focus this term on calculations; addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

At the moment the year 1s are counting in 2s, grouping objects in twos and solving problems using these skills. These skills will also be applied to 5s and 10s. Following this we will be building upon our addition and subtraction skills. This will be reflected in homework.

Currently the year 2s are developing an understanding of multiplication and they are learning their 2 times table. We will soon be moving onto 10 times table and then the 5 times table.

Following this, we will be working on division and division facts linked to times tables. Then, like the year 1s we will return to our addition and subtraction skills. As mentioned earlier, year 2 pupils will be tested on their arithmetic skills in the Summer term.

We will also explore other aspects of mathematics too.

PE

PE will remain on Mondays and Thursdays.
Please can you ensure that your child has the correct footwear (gym shoes) in their PE kit for indoors.

Computing

In IT, children will be writing about places around the world using Word processing.

Science

We are learning about the human body, its needs, the importance for humans to exercise, eat the right amount of different types of food and hygiene.

We will be tasting some exotic fruits and hopefully will try something new.

A great app for helping children to learn their times tables and chanting and counting in groups.

My Times Tables



Helpful websites:

To help children improve phonics skills and prepare for the Phonics Test

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

Lots of fun games for areas of mathematics:

www.snappymaths.co.uk

A great app for helping children practise reading tricky words.

Key Words

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