

# Spring Term

## 2017

Class 2  
Newsletter

# Hot and Cold Places



Welcome back everyone and happy new year.

There will be a number of themes running throughout this term

We will be developing a knowledge of the world in which we live, by exploring hot and cold places and the animals which live there. This will provide opportunities to explore story, information, art, music, geography and science.

### Writing

We will be looking for lots of opportunities and purposes for writing.

We have covered many basic skills in great detail, including spelling, punctuation and sentence work, and we are now going to start using these skills more often when writing for different purposes. This may include story writing, information writing, instructions, poetry, lists etc.

In class, we **always** encourage our children to form letters carefully and sit them on the line, and we encourage them to think about whether or not a capital letter is needed.

For the year 2 pupils, I will be looking out for all of the above skills and checking to see if sentences follow on from one another and sound right.

### Reading

This term the children will be participating in more guided reading sessions. This is when children read the same book in small groups with children of a similar ability. This learning experience is closely led by an adult and it provides great opportunities for progress to be made.

READING AT HOME remains vitally important. I can't stress enough that this has a tremendous impact on your child's progress. Your children develop reading skills all of the time in school, but they do not have many opportunities to read a book 1-1 with an adult.

To encourage an interest in books, I have invited the children to bring in books from home for me to read in the classroom.

## Maths

Your child will continue to cover all aspects of maths this term, but we are going to be using higher numbers. All pupils have progressed in their understanding of number and they are beginning to apply this knowledge when solving word problems in maths.

We will be moving onto the more challenging skills of multiplication and division this term and spending a little more time developing skills within measures.

[www.snappymaths.co.uk](http://www.snappymaths.co.uk) has a good collection of maths games to help consolidate basic skills

## Geography: Hot and Cold Places

This term, year 2 pupils will be taught to name and locate the seven continents and five oceans.

Whilst exploring hot and cold countries around the world, all pupils will learn more about geographical features and they learn to use them to compare different countries.

## Computing

Children will be exploring Google Earth to find out information about the world. They will use swiggle, a safe search engine for children to help them learn, and they will continue to learn about how to stay safe when using the internet.

## Art

Children will continue to be provided with opportunities to use a wide range of mediums; watercolours, pencils, paint and explore a range of techniques; collage, sketching, printing and painting.

## Music

Children will learn songs from around the world about animals. They will be exploring and making sounds using their bodies and percussion instruments, and they begin to use and follow simple notation.

## Science

We will continue to explore seasonal changes and we will be learning about animals from hot and cold countries and the habitats in which they live.

## PE

**Monday & Thursday**  
**Gymnastics skills**  
**& Dance**

## DT

Food—learn about where it comes from and how to prepare some simple healthy dishes.

## Miss Bennett

We have a student teacher in class for eight weeks.



## Chinese New Year

To help our pupils learn more about different cultures and festivals, we are going to be learning about the Chinese New Year.

This will result in a **class assembly** which will be held on **Friday 27th January**.

If you have any concerns regarding your child, please do not hesitate to contact me. I'm usually available after school most days, but if you are struggling to catch me, please leave a message with Mrs Starkie in the office and I will get back to you.