



February 2022 - Class 2 Spring Term 2

Dear Parents and Careers,

I hope you all managed to have a good half term with the children despite the wet and windy weather. I am pleased to welcome them all back for another fun-packed term learning all about themselves, their bodies and how to stay healthy through the topic Marvellous me.

In History, our focus will be on our grandparents, looking at how they lived, what they ate, what school was like and how things have changed a developed since they were children as a result of technological development. It would therefore be great if you or your parents could share their experiences with the children. I will also be sending them home with questions to ask as we progress through the topic so they can develop their understanding in a real context. If there are any sensitivity issues around this topic please let me know so I can avoid them. Also, if you or your parents have any photos like would like to share we would love to see these.

In science, we will be learning all about our bodies, naming the different parts, exploring our senses, as well as looking at how we can look after our bodies through a healthy balanced diet, getting the right amount of sleep and physical exercise. We will also be exploring growing up through looking at the human life cycle as well as at considering why we look like our parents.

In Geography, we will be exploring our local area, looking at how land is used around school and within our local community. We will complete some fieldwork investigating different houses in the area, the high street as well as local parks and natural areas.

In Art, we will be exploring printing. Using different parts of our bodies to create pictures of spring flowers, inspired by the lovely spring flowers that are popping up in and around the school. We will then go on to have a go creating repeating patterns using a range of fruit and vegetables to print.

In Music, we will be using our voice and instrument to explore different beats and tempos.

In computing, we will be further developing our computer skills focusing on using a keyboard to type, looking at the different keys and how they work. As well as, how to save our work to a file correctly. EYFS will also have the opportunity to explore a range of different technologies including the bee bots, cameras, and the Purple Mash program.

Math's (numeracy) and phonics will be taught daily, for all children.

Reading books will be given to reception and year 1 children. Reading and sharing books is a great way to spend time together, be it cuddled up on a sofa, sat at a kitchen table or a bedtime story all tucked up and cosy. Reading is also an essential skill that will support your child across all areas of the curriculum. Can I ask that you continue to support us with developing both their reading skill and also a love of reading by listening to your child read on a regular basis.

Year 1 will continue to develop their writing style and grammatical understanding in line with Key Stage expectations. This term we will be reading fiction with predictable phrases including *Oliver's Vegetables* and *Oliver's Fruit Salad* by Vivian French, and *Funny Bones* By Janet & Allan Ahlberg. The children will be using these texts to support them with their narrative writing as well as writing instructions. We will also be exploring our senses through poetry.

PE will take place on Monday and Wednesday afternoons it is therefore important that all children have the appropriate PE kit in line with the school uniform policy. The focus this term is gymnastics and dance.

The children will be having weekly spelling and reading homework in the same format as last half term. Reception will also have weekly phonics sounds to further explore at home as this term progresses.

Many Thanks

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