

Year 2 - Term 2 2022

We can't believe it is Term 2 already!

The first term has flown by and the children have started to settle into the routines and challenges of Year 2.

We have another busy and exciting term ahead:

In English, we will continue to create and perform acrostic poems associated around bonfire night and then move on to writing to inform by identifying and applying features of instructions to inform others on how to make a sandwich. We will focus in on time words and imperative verbs using these in correctly punctuated sentences, whilst continuing to work on their spelling of common exception words. As well as this the children will be encouraged to use expanded noun phrases to give more detail.

We will continue to work on our phonics through daily sessions, focussing on blending and segmenting (Fred Talk) real and nonsense words, for reading and writing. We will continue to set spellings each week (Y1 and Y2 common exception words). Spelling tests will be on **Wednesdays for Squirrel class and Thursday for Hedgehogs and Badgers**.

Children will also begin to be tested on their times tables each **Friday**. These will be timed as they should be able to recall them (25 questions in 2 minutes 30). Please continue to support your child learning times table facts, out of order, written down and presented both ways. E.g. 3×10 and 10×3 .

Remember to support your child with reading at home at least five times a week. Children who read this often will be given a raffle ticket for the Reading Raffle, that will be drawn at Christmas. The children with 5 reads and above for every week will also be invited to the reading picnic held at the end of term. In Maths, we will build on our place value knowledge and use it to add and subtract numbers. This will include word problems and reasoning tasks to ensure a good understanding of the skills learnt. We will also be naming and discussing the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, comparing the similarities and differences between them and looking at lines of symmetry.

In Science, we will be looking further into the world of animals and plants, with a focus on naming parts of the plant and understanding their purpose. We are investigating the different types of trees and trying to name the common plants that grow around us.

In Computing, we will be exploring a variety of tools in order to create a digital picture. We are going to experiment with using line and fill tools to create pictures in a variety of different artists (including Mondrian and Kandinsky) and will also explore other helpful tools such as the pencil, paintbrush and eraser tools. We will also learn about the 'undo' icon, in case we need to use that too!

In Geography, we will be learning all about the weather, how it changes and we can record it. How it affects us in our daily lives and also how it affects people jobs.

Children are encouraged to bring in a bottle of water each day. Please make sure bottles are also named and have a sports cap to prevent spillages.

On PE Days, please continue to send children into school in their PE kit - this should be weather appropriate, and will limit time spent changing, as well as limiting risk. If your child wears earrings please can you make sure that they do not wear them on PE days, likewise, if your child has long hair, please ensure it is tied up in the morning.

PE Days:

Squirrel Class: **Monday and Thursday**

Badger Class: **Tuesday and Friday**

Hedgehog Class: **Tuesday and Wednesday**

We aim to communicate with yourselves through class dojo, and if appropriate, messages on classroom windows. Please message us rather than commenting on the blog if you require an answer. If you have any concerns or issues that you would like to discuss, please email us, in the first instance.

We will continue to check reads in Reading Records on a **Friday**, when they will get new spellings. and we will give children new times tables on a **Monday**.

Year 2 team.