

Spring Term 2022 – Year 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers

The value of the term is kindness.

English

Our topic this half term is the Great Fire of London and children will be learning about non-fiction texts. Children will learn to research information about the Great Fire of London and write a report and diary extract. Children will learn about characters and settings described in stories. They will have the opportunity to write their own stories too.

A strong focus this term is on securing children's skills in using capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks correctly in their sentences. Handwriting has an important focus in their learning and children will continue to practise handwriting regularly. We ask you to encourage your child to practise letter formation and handwriting at home.

Phonics

We use the Read, Write, Inc. phonics programme to teach children to read and write. Children have a daily speed sounds phonics lesson and a storybook lesson. They practise their phonics in order to learn to read, spell and decode new words. Your child's weekly phonics homework links will be emailed to you and reading books are available on the Oxford Owl website. Please use the login provided to access the work.

Maths

The following topics will be studied:

- Place value – to identify tens and ones to partition a number into tens and ones and partitioning numbers in different ways (eg 27 can be $20 + 7 = 27$ or $10 + 17 = 27$)
- Solving routine and non-routine problems using the 4 operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division).
- Estimating using objects, shapes, numbers.
- Identifying and describing the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and symmetry.
- Measurement - length and mass – centimetres, metres, grams and kilograms.
- Measuring time – o'clock, half past, quarter past, quarter to.

We ask you to support your child by learning the two, five and ten times tables, reading the time on a clock face and talking about the days of the week and months.

Science

Our topic this term is 'Materials'. Through this unit children will be learning about materials, objects, properties and apply these skills to experiments such as investigating how to change the shapes of objects, which properties allow shapes to be changed.

Humanities

We will be learning about The Great Fire of London and we will then write a newspaper recount about the key events.

Computing

In Computing we will learn to use 'Scratch' to programme and create a simple animation.

DT

DT is linked to our Topic and children will design, make and evaluate and create a 3D model of a freestanding bridge.

PSHE

This term children will learn about internet safety. They will also learn that they can be part of different groups and understand the role that they play in these groups e.g. class, teams, faith groups, after school clubs as well as how a community can help people from different groups to feel included.

Music

Children will learn to compose, sing and play songs by thinking of the dynamics, timbre and melody of music.

PE

Children will learn to play games with sending skills and they will also learn to use apparatus safely to display well-controlled balance.

Spring term – PE timetable

Class	P.E. Day 1	P.E. Day 2
2 Botswana	Wednesday	Thursday
2 Kenya	Tuesday	Wednesday
2 Nigeria	Wednesday	Thursday



Please ensure your children wear the correct P.E kit to school on these days

Home Learning

Children will receive homework weekly. Please check your child's book bag and Google Classroom to complete the work. Teachers will also assign children books to read each week and also a list of spellings to revise. Children must log into **Spelling Shed** and **Oxford Owl** to access the spelling activities and reading books. We look forward to seeing all the lovely work the children produce.

- Homework will be ready to access on **Google Classroom** as from **Friday**.
- Children are expected to complete their *homework*, learn their *spellings* and bring their *reading books* back by the following **Wednesday** at the latest.
- Children must complete spelling on **Spelling Shed**. Also practise their 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables on **Times Tables Rockstars** as part of their weekly homework.
- They will be tested for spellings regularly and they will be read with each week.

Reminders

- Please read to your child and listen to them read daily.
- Complete the phonics homework videos which are **emailed to you** weekly. These RWI videos will help support your child to learn to read.
- Use **Oxford Owl ebooks** it is free! You must access the website and login into your account to complete the reading homework <http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/home/reading>
- Children can bring in a water bottle to keep hydrated throughout the day.
- **For your child's safety no jewellery should be worn to school.**
- Ensure children have their names inside clothes such as jumpers, cardigans and coats.

Thank you for assisting your children with their home learning and for your help and support.

Miss Lewis
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Ms Tverijoniene
2 Kenya

Miss Arda
2 Botswana