

Year 2 Newsletter - Spring 2 - March 2021



Welcome to Year 2 – Spring Term 2

Our topics this half-term are “*Iceberg ahead!*” and “*Easter*”

In **English:** We will continue looking at a range of texts to develop the children’s reading skills in both fiction and non-fiction. Our focus will initially be on non-fiction and retrieving information from the text. Continue to read at home using the learning objective sticker and sign your child’s reading diary as every little helps!

In **Mathematics:** We will initially have a recap of topics recently covered; symmetry, 2D and 3D shapes and fractions. We will then build on our fraction knowledge to learn about $\frac{3}{4}$ and equivalence. We will be learning about division and linking this to our prior learning of multiplication and times tables’ knowledge.

In **Science:** We will be exploring what changes are happening to our school grounds and local environment as we come into spring and how these changes can affect the plants and animals that live there. We will think about living things and their habitats.

In **History:** We will focus on the events of the Titanic disaster and how this has affected our own locality, living by and sailing on the sea. We will also be learning about different ways of finding out about the past by asking and answering questions and deciding which sources are the best.

In **Geography:** We will learn how to use a compass to plan a route.

In **Art:** We will be learn the skill of observational drawing and practise carefully drawing different objects.

In **PE:** We will be choreographing our own dance routines. We will also be progressing our work on the basic balances and working with partners and in groups to develop our own gymnastic sequences.

In **PDL:** We will be spending time settling back into school routines, we will discuss how we are feeling and will look at strategies we can use to help. We will develop our social skills and confidence in being part of the class.

In **RE:** Towards the end of term we will be learning about the Christian celebration of Easter.

Dates for your diary

MARCH

Thursday, 25th March
Outdoor Learning Day

APRIL

Friday, 2nd April to Friday 16th April
Easter Holidays – School Closed

Outdoor Learning Day



Year 2 will be having an outdoor learning day on
Thursday, 25th March.

Children can wear leggings/tracksuit trousers and trainers or wellies with a warm coat suitable for the weather. School sweatshirts/cardigans should be worn on top.

PE Day



Our PE days are Thursday AM (outdoor) and Friday PM (indoor). Please ensure long hair is tied back and earrings preferably removed on these days.

How you can help your child at home:



Reading: Enjoy exploring some non-fiction books and get used to using the features of these texts (eg. contents, glossary, index). Please continue to write comments in your child's reading diary.

Spellings: Spellings will be sent out weekly on Mondays. Please continue to support your child learning these at home as this makes such a difference.

Science: Look out and listen for signs of new life when out and about in our community. Discuss the different habitats that our plants and animals live in so for example the park, the beach or the woods.

Maths: Practise the 2, 5 and 10 x tables. Children need to know these number facts without undue hesitation.

Research: Find out more information about our topics online or in books and discuss them. You might like to use www.kiddle.co.uk which is a child friendly google search engine. Try searching for: habitats and The Titanic, there are some great links!



Water Bottle

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school, these are sent home on a Friday to be cleaned.

Belongings



Please ensure your child's name is on all of their clothing, lunch boxes and PE kits. We have items of unnamed clothing that have gone missing and have wasted valuable learning time looking for clothes.

Don't forget to:



**Bring back your learning pack to school on Monday.
Bring in your PE kit on Monday.
Bring your reading diary every Monday.
Bring your spelling book every Friday.**



We are using our school grounds much more often and with the weather being so changeable please ensure you send your child into school every day with a coat.