

Year 2 Newsletter



Spring 1

Our learning this half term:

This half term we will be learning all about the rainforest in **Geography**. As well as learning about the animals, plants and environment, the children will be learning to name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans. They will also be learning to identify seasonal and daily weather patterns in the United Kingdom and the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles.

In **science**, we will be learning all about plants. They will learn about:

- The life cycle of a plant.
- What the main parts of plants and trees are.
- What plants need to grow well.

In **writing**, we will be learning how to build suspense in our writing when our character is faced with a spooky setting or character. The children will also be learning about narrative non-fiction writing.

The focus in **maths** this half term is money and multiplication and division. The children will be learning the value of different coins and how to use different coins to make the same amount. They will also be learning how to recall multiplication and division facts, use them to solve simple problems and demonstrate an understanding of commutativity.

Supporting learning at home

Reading:

Every child needs to read for at least 15 minutes every day and to talk to an adult about what they have read. Please fill in their reading diary to record their reading each week. It is also really important at this age that you find the time to read stories to your child to help them develop a pleasure for reading and a love for books.

Spelling:

There is no requirement to learn weekly spellings at home as we will be covering them as a class in school. If you do wish to do additional practice at home, or would like to be aware of the spellings we're focusing on, you can find them listed below:

Week 1 – **Adding 'est and -y to words ending in e** (*nicest, bravest, finest, largest, shiny, sparkly, noisy, slimy*)

Week 2 – **'mb' saying /m/** (*lamb, limb, comb, numb, thumb, crumb, bomb*)

Week 3 – **'al' saying /or/** (*all, call, hall, small, walk, talk, chalk, almost*)

Week 4 – **adding -ing and -ed to CVC and CCVC words** (*patting, humming, dropping, shopping, jogged, fitted, clapped, stopped*)

Week 5 – **'o' saying /u/** (*brother, son, above, wonder, worry, glove, cover, month*)

Week 6 – **'ey' saying /ee/** (*key, monkey, donkey, honey, money, chimney, valley, turkey*)

Maths: This term, the children will be doing weekly multiplication and division tests every Friday (x2, x5, x10, x3).

Homework will be sent home most weeks to help the children to prepare.

P.E:

Our P.E slots this term will be every **Wednesday** and **Thursday**. Please ensure your child brings their kit into school (a white top, navy jumper and navy shorts or joggers). PE kit needs to stay in school for the duration of the half term. If your child wears earrings, please ensure they are able to take them out and put them back in independently or please leave earrings out on PE days. Those who have recently had them pierced, please provide tape for them to cover them with. **Please name**

ALL items sent to school



Forest School - Group A will be taking part in Forest School until the end of term. Please ensure the children have waterproof clothing and shoes every Thursday.

★ Recommended Reads from the Children ★

