

Second Half of Spring Term



Dear Parents and Carers

20th February 2024

Welcome back after the half term break.

This term's learning will include:

Science: we are learning about Animals and their habitats in the UK but also linking it to African animals from last term.

History - We will explore what makes a person famous. We will also learn about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole as pioneer nurses and their similarities and differences as well as compare nursing in the past and today.

Maths - we will continue working on our 2, 5 and 10 times tables, division and measure. Please encourage your child to begin to tell the time. It is important that they know: months of the year, number of seconds in a minute, hours in a day, days in a week etc.

NUMBOTS and Times Table Rockstars- Although children have regular opportunities to do this at school please encourage your child to use these at home. Rapid recall of both number bonds and times table facts is an essential base for providing children with the ability to use and apply in reasoning and problem solving.

I will be setting **TT Rockstars** groups so children can make a start at practicing their times tables - we haven't started division so I will keep to the simpler times tables to start with! **PLEASE do not stop using NUMBOTS!**

English - We will complete our diary entry write from the end of last half term.

Our next writing unit is our Fiction writing task based on the model text: 'Kassim and the greedy dragon'.

Our non-fiction instruction write is based on 'Instructions' by Neil Gaiman which has some hidden fairy tales in the text!

PLEASE keep up the home reading, reading regularly develops fluency and comprehension but also becomes a habit which evolves into a love of reading which lasts a life time.

World Book Day - is on Wednesday 6th March. We would like each child to represent a character or a theme from their favourite book (either fiction OR non-fiction). Some children like to dress up but bringing in an item which represents the book as well as the actual book is just as relevant. (Further details to follow later this week)

British Science Week 11th - 15th March The theme is: 'Time': we are looking forward to a whole week of opportunities to really experience being scientists and meeting a number of scientists who will share their aspect of science through a range of activities and events.

Homework - phonics homework and other homework is due to be handed in by Thursday morning, so we have time to mark it for Friday.

Outings and visitors this term

Florence Nightingale workshop (at school)	4 th March
Visit to Bristol Synagogue (this is an additional visit and a first so we are very keen to see how the children experience learning about another religion)	8 th March
Visit to Bristol Aquarium	26 th March

(All of the above are during school hours)

CLASS PAGE - I regularly update links on our Ladybird class/Year 2 page on the school website.

CLASS DOJO - this continues to be an effective way to communicate with us.

Show and Tell is on Friday afternoon and includes items of interest linked to our topic work Science/DT/ History - NO toys - please link show and tell to the topic work.	
Week 1	Raffi, Isabelle, Harriet
Week 2	Rowan, Aylsa, Teddy, Fayth
Week 3	George, Miley, Teagan, Erin
Week 4	Billy, Aidan, Harper, Samson
Week 5	Koen, Ella, Logan, Finlay, Arbie
Week 6	Dylan, Maisie, Rose, Elliott
Week 1 (carried over to next half term)	Theo, Ayla, Megan

If you have any queries or concerns, please contact us either via Class Dojo or the school office via email.

Regards

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The Year 2 Team

