



Year 2 Newsletter

Spring 2

Welcome to Year 2.

Welcome to the second part of the Spring Term! We hope that you have all had a lovely break and are coming back to school ready and raring to go. We are really looking forward to starting our new Geography topic, continuing our Science, and building on the maths and English skills from earlier in the year.

Please feel free to contact us at any time should you have anything that you wish to discuss.

Mrs Holt and Mrs Kerns ☺

Key Dates:

3rd-7th March - Book Fair

6th March—World Book Day

10th-14th March—British Science Week

17th-21st March—Neurodiversity Week

21st March—Down Syndrome Awareness Day

2nd April—Autism Awareness Day

Reading

Your child will bring home phonics books to match their learning. They will read twice a week in school, and will need to read at home. Books will be changed on your child's reading days, as long as they have read at home.

Your child will also bring a library book home each week. This will need to be returned before another one can be taken. Our library day will be Thursday.

We will also be reading a class novel each week. This half term we will be reading 'Matilda' by Roald Dahl.

PE Reminders

Our PE days, this half term, are Tuesdays and Fridays. Children will need to have indoor and outdoor kits in school all week. Indoor kit includes a yellow James Brindley T-shirt, blue shorts, and pumps. Outdoor kit includes unnamed jogging bottoms/leggings, jumper or hoody, trainers, and spare socks. Earrings must be removed before the lesson.

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<https://www.jamesbrindleyprimary.com/class/year-2>



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ENGLISH

In English, we will be using various books by Anthony Browne. We will be using Talk for writing, book reviews and comparisons throughout the half term. We will also be writing and performing poetry, using the Sound Collector as our stimulus.

MATHS

In Maths, this half term, we will be finishing our Multiplication lessons, before moving on to Height and Length, then looking at fractions.

SCIENCE

In Science, we will be continuing our term long topic of Animals— including humans.

During this topic we will look at lifecycles of different animals, before moving on to human nutrition and exercise.

Our Curriculum Overview

COMPUTING

In Computing, we will using Purple Mash binary trees to look at questioning, sorting and categorizing.

GEOGRAPHY

In Geography, we will be looking at the question: 'Why don't penguins need to fly?'

In this we will be looking at the contrasting habitats of Antarctica and the Sahara Desert.

D&T

In D&T, we will be designing and making our own pizzas.

RE

In RE, we will be looking at 'How and why do we celebrate special and sacred times.'

Home Learning

English & Maths

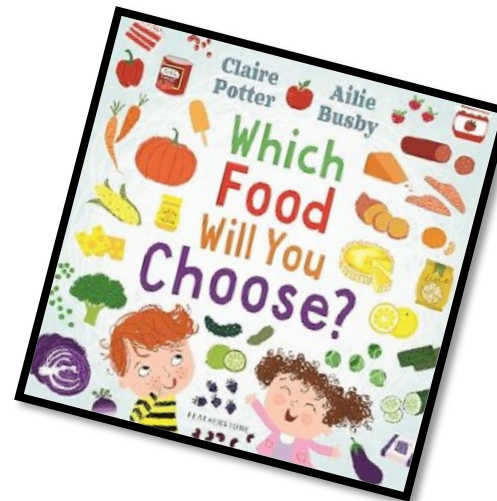
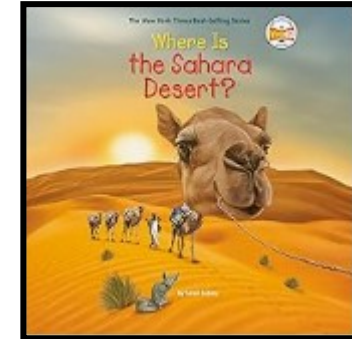
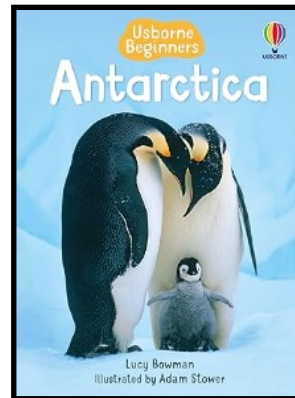
Please continue to practise cursive handwriting with your child. You will receive a Times Table Rock Stars log in to use at home. Here, your child can practise their times table skills.

There are also lots of online games that can help with addition, subtraction, multiplication and division that your child can play at home, with you.

Phonics/Spelling

The children will take part in daily phonics sessions which run from 9am-9.30am. Phonics groups are streamed based on your child's phonic knowledge, their ability to segment and blend and their tricky word recognition. All staff who lead phonics groups have been fully trained in the delivery of our phonics scheme 'Supersonic Phonic Friends'. The children will receive weekly spellings which link directly to the sounds they have been working on in phonics during the week. Spellings will be given out each Friday. The spelling sheet that the children bring home does not need to be returned to school, it is just for them to practise with you at home. Although the children will be tested on their spellings, scores are not recorded and shared, all efforts are celebrated and rewarded.

To further support independent reading for pleasure, take a look at the suggestions below that are linked to specific topics and authors we are focusing on this half term:



Online Resources

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/addition-and-subtraction>