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Spring Term 2019

Welcome Back!

We trust that you all enjoyed a wonderful Christmas with your family and friends and wish you all a very Happy New Year!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the many Christmas messages, cards and gifts we received.
Your kindness is very much appreciated.

Things to remember…

- Children are welcome to come into school from **8:30am** for a prompt 8:50am start. We provide focused early morning tasks for the children so please arrive as early as possible in order that your child is able to take full advantage of this valuable learning time.

- We have PE throughout the week so please ensure that your **full kit is in school every day**.

- Reading folders must be in school **every day**. We will check them every morning for any letters or reply slips being returned. Letters for you will be put in here so please check it every evening for any communications.

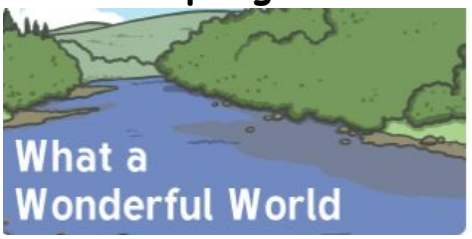
- Please continue to listen to your child read as often as you can and make a comment in their reading diary. Children have the opportunity to change their book every day. Many children like to keep their book and read it a few times over. We encourage this practice as it moves children from reading for decoding, through reading with expression and for meaning.

  Mrs Coyte will continue to track the children's reading journey and reward each child with a small prize and certificate each time they reach 10 reads. Some children have reached 60 reads already this year - well done! Please support your child by providing some quiet time to read every day and record their achievements in the reading log.

- We are outside in all weathers so please provide your child with a **waterproof coat** every day.

- Staying hydrated is important - please remember to send your child in with a water bottle.

Spring Term Learning
Spring 1



Mathematics
We will begin the term with a unit on 'equivalence' where year 2 will learn to recognise, find and name 1/3, $\frac{1}{4}$, 2/4, $\frac{3}{4}$ of a length, shape, set of objects or quantity. They will also learn to write simple fractions and recognise equivalence of 2/4 and $\frac{1}{2}$. Following that, we will learn to calculate and write mathematical statements for multiplication and division, show commutativity of multiplication (and non-commutativity of division) and solve simple problems using multiplication and division.

English
The children will continue with their daily Read Write Inc. sessions. In class we continue our development of reading and writing skills through a unit based on the book 'The Emperor's Egg'.

Topic, Computing and Art
Our geography based topic this term is 'Our Wonderful World'. We will learn about the location of countries, continents and oceans of the world in relation to the position of the United Kingdom and children's own locality. Children will develop global awareness by looking in detail at the position of the seven continents and five oceans of the world, understanding that the world is spherical and creating their own journeys across the world. We will link our topic to learn about programming skills in computing. We will also replicate some traditional African art as part of our hook day.

Science and DT
We will focus our learning to classify everyday materials such as wood, plastic, metal, glass, brick, paper and cardboard and think about how they are used. Children then go on to compare the suitability of different everyday materials for different purposes when designing a boat which they will make as part of a DT project. We will think about how materials can change shape and how the recycling process is able to reuse some everyday materials numerous times.

RE
Following the Liturgical calendar, we will begin the Spring term with a unit on Christmas where we will be learning about the Annunciation and the events of the Christmas story. Finally we will focus on stories from Scripture, which show how special Jesus is through our Revelation topic.

PE
We will be developing coordination, balance and flexibility through a unit of gymnastics.

Spring Term Learning
Spring 2

Mathematics
We will continue to consolidate our understanding of the four number operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) whilst focusing of the more practical aspect of measure. We will measure capacity, weight, temperature and length practically, consider where we use them in real life and solve problems based on our understanding.

English
Daily Read Write Inc. sessions will continue. As well as this, back in class, we will develop our reading and writing skills through an information text about the well known explorer Amelia Earhart.

Topic and Art
In our history topic about 'Great Explorers' we will identify some famous explorers such as Christopher Columbus, Neil Armstrong and Robert Falcon Scott. We will consider what makes a person significant and also consolidates their understanding of chronology by comparing the historical periods in which these great explorers lived. We will focus in on an explorer of the children's choice - It will be exciting to see where the children's interest takes us! We will learn how to use watercolours to replicate various environments.

Science and DT
Following on from our learning about materials in Spring 1, the Children then go on to compare the suitability of different everyday materials for different purposes. They explore how objects made of some everyday materials can change shape and how the recycling process is able to reuse some everyday materials numerous times. We will then use our understanding of materials to design clothing for an explorer of our choice considering the conditions they were exposed to.

RE
Once we complete our Revelation topic we will explore Lent by thinking about how we 'Spring Clean' our lives in preparation for Easter. The parables of the lost sheep and the unforgiving servant reinforce this teaching. The words of the Our Father help us to consider both the importance of prayer and the relationship between Jesus and the Father and a multi-faith element looks at the importance of the Torah to the Jewish faith.

PE
We will be developing movement and composition skills through an Invasion Games unit focusing on hockey.

Useful Information

Home Learning

Reading:
Please support your child by listening to them read every day and record in your child's home-school record book. Don't forget to read to your child too!

Spelling:
Children will receive spellings at the beginning of the week. Please learn one spelling each night to help embed their understanding.

Maths
A maths sheet will continue to come home each week.

Year 2 children will be able to choose which level sheet they bring home.
Bronze Level - working towards age related expectations
Silver Level -Working at age related expectations
Gold Level - working beyond age related expectations.

Dojos

Our class Dojo site is working well. Children are very motivated by the reward system and feedback reveals that parents are interested in checking in on how their child is getting on. Don't forget that we also add pictures to the class story and you can message us this way too if it suits you.

Adult Helpers

We are always looking for parents to help us stick work in books and support children's learning! If you think you could spare some time to help please let us know. You will be asked to complete a DBS check before coming in – the children's safety is always our priority.

And finally…

As always, please contact us if you have any worries, questions or wish to share something new with us! Our door is always open.

Many thanks,
Mrs King and Mrs Coyte