

Year Two Newsletter

Spring Term 2019

Dear Year 2 parents and carers,

Welcome back! We hope that you had a wonderful Christmas holiday.

Reading Diaries

It has been a pleasure hearing about the reading the children have been doing and we wanted to remind you to please be sure to use the reading diaries as a way of encouraging reading with a link between the reading they are doing inside and outside of school. Reading diaries are checked and written in weekly and House points are allocated to each child every time they can show they have been reading regularly, so they will need some support with this. Their reading diary should be in school every day.

Topic this term

Our year group topic this term is Animals! We have lots of exciting things planned with a visit to Port meadow at the start to observe our local wildlife. We look forward to inviting you to come and see what we have been doing towards the end of the term!

Save a shoebox!

We will be asking each child to bring in a suitable box to create a diorama later in the term. Please can you help the children to find and save a shoebox ready for this.

English

In English we will be writing recounts and studying poetry. We will examine different styles of poetry and identify poetic features. We will also be preparing short reportage scripts about animals in the style of a nature documentary. Later in the term we will be studying traditional tales, with a focus on the three little pigs and variations of this story.

Maths

We will be looking at Statistics, and using Number and Place value for estimating, counting and comparing. We will be using recall and mental calculation strategies and partitioning and counting strategies to solve addition and subtraction equations. We will be grouping, sharing and practising times tables facts for the Multiplication and Division unit.

Science

During science we will be studying animals and their habitats. We will be examining what aspects of a habitat make it inhabitable for different species. This will link to our topic which is Animals that will flow through many other aspects of our learning this term.

PE kits

A reminder that full school PE kit is required for PE lessons. This includes a separate pair of PE trainers. PE kit should be in school Monday-Friday. Children with long hair must be tied back for PE, and jewellery must be removed for PE lessons.

Art

During this term we will be creating pictures of animals in their habitats. We will also be looking at different patterns that appear on animals and trying to recreate these.

DT

In DT we will be creating habitats of animals linked to our work in science. To help the children with this they would be welcome to bring a photo of any pets they have in their habitat.

Geography

Our work in geography will link to our work in science. We will look at where different animals come from and the varying habitats that appear on each continent.

Thank you. We are looking forward to another wonderful term!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Rhymes and Mr Bovey-Hull

