



Year 2 Newsletter Spring 2

Welcome back to a new half term, we hope you had a fantastic break. We are all very excited about the new term and hope that we will soon be able to welcome back all the children into school. We have been so impressed by all the hard work being done by the children in school and by our remote learners who have been accessing their work through Purple Mash. A reminder that it is essential that your child completes these activities each day to ensure they have no gaps in their learning. We would like to thank you for all your support during this time.



English

This half term we are going to be researching a variety of animals. We will be using our findings to write non-chronological reports and fact files about them. This will include features such as: a title, sub - headings, pictures and bullet points. Please encourage your child to find out about animals including their appearance, habitat and other interesting facts. After that, we will be looking at poetry by the Yorkshire poet Josie Whitehead. As well as looking at a range of her animal poems, we will use these to inspire our own poetry writing.



Reading Books

We appreciate all the hard work that is going into reading with your child at home. Remember you can use a wide range of books to read and share with your child at home. When you listen to your child read, please ask them questions about what they are reading and ensure they understand all of the vocabulary. Also encourage your child to find the answers in the text.

Each week the remote learners will access two to three reading activities on Purple Mash to complete.

Reading books will be changed every Thursday, so please ensure that you have signed and commented in your child's reading journal.



Maths

This half term we will be learning about telling the time. We will be focusing on o' clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to on the analogue clock. We will continue to focus on calculation skills and how to use these to solve problems. Please keep working with your child at home to make sure they know all their number bonds to 10, 20 and 100 instantly. Keep practising the 2, 5 and 10 x tables, as well as counting in groups of 3's. We will then move onto looking at fractions, finding $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$ of shapes, lengths, sets of objects and quantities.





Topic

We start this term by looking at living things in Science. We will explore life cycles of butterflies and frogs and research what is needed to survive. The rest of the term, we will be continuing with our Geography topic about Mexico. In Art we will be designing and creating our very own Mexican masks using papier-mâché.



P.E.

Please remember that PE kits must be in school every day and include trainers or pumps. Please label all items of clothing and ensure long hair is tied back and no jewellery is worn. In our dance unit, we will be exploring different dance formations and will be explaining the importance of emotion and feeling in our routines. We will also be learning how to skip and how to further develop our skills. We will discover how skipping helps us to improve motor **skills** including things like timing, coordination, balance, and posture.



Homework

English or Topic related homework will be given out on a Friday to be completed on Purple Mash and needs to be completed by the following Monday. Maths homework will be set on Purple Mash on a Wednesday and needs to be completed by Friday. Thank you for your continued support with this.



Forest Schools

This half term we will be starting our weekly sessions of Forest School. Forest School uses the outdoor environment to take part in planned activities in our school grounds which will help children build positive values and attitudes about themselves, about learning and the environment in which they live. Forest School helps to enhance learning, increase self-esteem, independence, risk taking, language and much more. Three qualified Forest Schools staff will be working with the children in 1.5 hour sessions and will be helping to create an outdoor learning area as well as learning the skills of den building, crafting and knot tying. You will get a separate letter before your child's session starts so you know what your child needs to wear.



If you ever have any question or concerns, please contact school to talk to your child's class teacher.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support from all the Year 2 team:



Miss Lally, Mrs Caliandro, Mrs Tyler, Miss Leyland, Mrs Shergill and Mrs Mahmood.

