

Year 2 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2

November 2021



How you can help

MATHS –This half term we will be developing our knowledge of calculation. We will be doing lots of counting and number facts work as well as working on our 2, 5, 10 and 3 times tables. We will be using TT Rock stars which will help the children to rapidly recall their times table and division facts.

ENGLISH This half term we will be reading our new book 'Leaf' which links with our Geography work on the Arctic regions.

Welcome back after the October half term holidays – I hope that you enjoyed your break!

Mrs Scott, who is currently training to be a teacher, will be continuing with us throughout the year.

Our Geography topic this half term is: 'What is life like in the Arctic?' and the information that the children need to know by the end of this topic can be found on their Geography knowledge organiser. A copy of this has been sent home as a paper copy and on Class Dojo but a copy can also be found and downloaded from our class page. We will be learning about why the Arctic is so cold because of its position on the Earth, we will be learning about Icebergs and about the living things that survive in the Arctic. We've got a very exciting virtual visit to kick off our new topic on Monday 1st November.

Our Science topic will aim to answer the question: 'How do animals thrive?' We will be learning about the difference between things that are living, dead and never been alive. We will be investigating different habitats and microhabitats and we will be learning about food chains. The knowledge and vocabulary that children need to know and understand can be found on their knowledge organisers.

In Art we are going to be looking at the work of the illustrator of our English text, Sandra Dieckmann. We will practice our drawing skills and use some collage and painting to make some arctic scenes.

If you have any questions or would like to speak to me please send a dojo or you can see me on the playground.

Thanks for your continued support,
Mrs Goodwin
Year 2 Class Teacher

Useful websites:

www.sumdog.com

www.classdojo.com

<https://trockstars.com/>

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/science/materials>

www.teachyourmonstertoread.com

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

www.epicphonics.co.uk

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/math



In addition, we will be focusing on grammar, spelling and punctuation and handwriting.

PE will continue to be on a **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**. Children need to come to school in their PE kit. Our Kit consists of black shorts/bottoms, white t-shirt, PE hoodie and black trainers. Also, please remember no earrings on PE days.

Homework

Maths This years' homework will consist of Numbots, Ttrockstars and Sumdog. Don't forget to play for 30 minutes a week.

Reading In KS1, children need to read every day to become fluent readers. Little and often is best, please aim for at least 10 minutes a day. We have provided you with a reading folder. Inside will be a reading book, the book band sheet, the half term spelling list and your child's passwords for the year. Please look after all these things and keep them in the folder.

Please record your child's reading on GoRead, we will do the same in school too. Please add any words they struggle with to the record so we can practice these in school and you can do the same at home too. We change reading books every day so please return your books any day.

Reading with and to your child is the best thing you can do to help them with school. Thank you for your support.