

Year 2 Newsletter – Spring Term 1

January 2021



How you can help

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas. I am looking forward to all the exciting things we have got planned for this half term!

Our History topic this half term is: 'How have people in the past helped us?' and the information that the children need to know by the end of this topic can be found on their History 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 what these significant people did to help change our lives for the better.

Our Science topic is continuing to answer the question: 'How do animals thrive?' This is a continued topic so you will already have the knowledge organiser at home.

Our Art is learning about collage and looking specifically at the work of Coralie Bickford-Smith (who illustrated our English text) and Henri Matisse.

In PSHE we are learning about different jobs people do. We will learn about the different communities we are all part of and how communities work.

Many thanks,
Mrs Goodwin

Useful websites:

www.sumdog.com
www.classdojo.com
<https://ttrockstars.com/>
<https://www.theschoolrun.com/science/materials>
www.teachyourmonstertoread.com
www.phonicsplay.co.uk
www.epicphonics.co.uk
www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/maths

MATHS –This half term we will be developing our knowledge of calculation by moving on to multiplication and division. Please continue to play on TT rock stars and sumdog.

ENGLISH This half term we will be reading our new book 'The Fox and the Star' which links with our Art where we will be learning about collage and the work of Coralie Bickford-Smith.



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

PE will continue to be on a **Monday** and **Friday** and will be taught by a specialist PE coach. 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 – Homework will be set weekly on Tuesday and needs to be returned the following Tuesday. Homework will consolidate the children's existing skills or build on the teaching throughout the week. Please support your children to complete their homework. Any lost books will need to be paid for as school has purchased 2 books per child.

HOME READING BOOKS/FREE READERS

–Books will be changed as needed. There will be a basket in the classroom and these will continue to be changed every day. Please send a message on dojo if you want to speak about your child's book.