

Spring 2021

Year 2 Information Sheet



**Reminders:**

**P.E:** During the spring term we will be using our knowledge of dance to create an African dance to African tribal music. This links to our Spring Theme of “Madagascar”. Our PE day will remain on Thursday’s. **Children need to bring their own black pumps which can be stored in school.** Please ensure only small stud earrings are worn to school and are taken out on PE days.

## **Year 2**

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**English**In English we will continue to consolidate skills learned in year 1 through story and letter writing. We will read and compare different versions of the traditional tale Little Red Riding Hood and write a letter to Sir David Attenborough linked to our theme “Madagascar”. We will also be looking at the story “Into the Woods” by Anthony Browne which encapsulates many traditional tales. Our learning will continue to include; listening to, reading and performing stories. We will be investigating the characters, settings and the main events in stories before writing our own version with a twist. Children will continue to develop their knowledge of grammar, spelling and phonics, which will be taught as an integral part of all English lessons. Additionally there will be an emphasis to read and write common exception words for both year 1 and year 2 and this will include theme specific vocabulary. There will continue to be an emphasis on reading this term. Please read as often as possible with your child at home.

**Maths**

Children will continue to consolidate number knowledge and maths skills learned in year 1 and begin to focus more heavily on the year 2 curriculum. This term children will be:

* Consolidate knowledge of place value for numbers up to 100.
* Use concrete, pictorial and abstract methods to support calculations across all 4 operations
* Applying strategies to solve word problems
* Investigating multiplication and division as grouping.
* Solving word problems involving all 4 operations.

The 4 operations include: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division

Theme

This term our theme is “Madagascar” where children will learn about life on the Island of Madagascar and the animals that live there. We will be comparing life, education, commodities, climate and animals to those of the UK and will write a letter to Sir David Attenborough to find out what it is like to explore the environment in Madagascar. The theme Madagascar will be linked to PE, Music and Art where we will learn African Tribal music and dance and create our very own African sunset in art.

Science

In science this half term we will be learning about mini beasts and their habitats, and classifying animals and objects into 3 categories; living, dead and never lived.

In the second half of the term we will be looking at the life cycle of a plant, and growing our own plants. We will also learning about the life cycle of animals and comparing these to the life cycle of humans, which we learnt about in the autumn term.

**Diary Dates**

Half term: 13th – 21st February

Easter break: 27th March – 11th April

Children should be dropped at the gate on Watt Street at 8:40am and collected at 3:10pm

**Please return book bags on Wednesday where they will be quarantined and returned on Friday.**