

YR 2 NEWSLETTER



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Year 2 class Newsletter Spring (1) 2024

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back after the Christmas break, I hope you all had a lovely Christmas after a long and very busy Autumn term. We would like to say a very big thank you for all the lovely cards and presents we received. They were very much appreciated.

Our Topics this Half Term

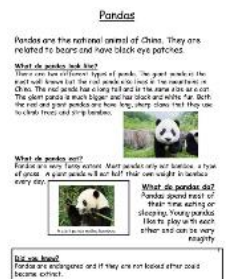
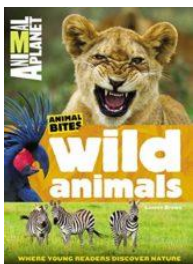
This half term our lead topic is 'wild animals'. We will be having a **Geography** and **Science** focus.

The children will be learning about the Continents of the World, creating simple maps and learning about living things and their habitats.



In **Mathematics** we will be focusing upon money and then multiplication and division. Our Year 2 KIRF for this half term is to recall doubles and halves to 20. Quick recall of these is expected by children at the end of year 2. We will be practising instant recall and learning that halving is the opposite of doubling.

In **English** we are going to begin by reading and writing non-fiction texts. The children will be finding out about wild animals, through books, magazines and ICT. We will be writing our own non-chronological reports about Big Cats and developing comprehension skills during reading sessions.



In **Computing** the children will be completing the unit 'making music'. The learning for this unit will take place on Purple Mash of which the children are now very familiar with. They will be exploring how to create different sounds and patterns of sound on the computer.

In **RE** we are learning about Judaism and what people believe in. Our PSHE learning is based on the theme 'becoming an active citizen'.

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PE will continue to be taught on a Wednesday and Friday so please ensure your child has their PE kit in school. This should include shorts, t-shirt and pumps or trainers. This half term our focus is Gymnastics and Yoga so all PE sessions will be indoors.

In Art the children will be using different materials to draw and then create animal pattern collage pictures. We will also be exploring how to dye fabrics and create different patterns.

Home learning and Reading

It is very important that your child reads regularly at home and continues to have stories read aloud to them, as this helps children develop their imagination and introduces them to vocabulary they may not otherwise experience. Your child may now be reading a longer book that may take a number of days to read or even a week, asking questions about the story will also support your child's comprehension skills. The children who read regularly are now starting to read fluently by themselves. Please can your child bring their home reading book in every day as we try to hear them read in school as much as possible and books will continue to be changed regularly.

Helping your child to learn or practise their KIRFs at home will encourage them to become fluent in number facts and multiplication tables. Knowing these facts will support your child's learning in all areas of maths. Your child will continue to have a piece of English/Spelling or Maths homework to complete each week.

Educational visits

Year 2 have not yet been on a school trip this academic year, but we are in the process of planning visits, hopefully during the Summer term. Once the visits have been arranged, we will get back to you with dates and details as soon as we can.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Julie Willans

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