



Year 2

Term 5

Newsletter

Welcome back to parents, carers and children! We hope that you enjoyed the Easter break. This term our topic is 'Living and Growing'. We are looking forward to finding out about what plants need to grow as well as testing this out with our own planting. We will also be finding out about the geography of our local area.

Trips

Thank you to all parents who have paid their £20 annual trips, visitors and workshops contribution.

In Term 1, our workshop was 'Battersea Arts Time Keepers Club' which helped the children to learn about what toys were like in the past.

In Term 2, our workshop was 'Where in the World is Baxter Bear?' which inspired the children's learning about different places in the World.

In the last week of this term, our trip will be to the Florence Nightingale Museum to find out about her life and achievements to inspire our learning for our topic next term.

In term 6 we will be visiting Box Hill with the National Trust to learn about habitats.

If you have not yet paid your £20 annual contribution, please can you do so as soon as possible to ensure trips/visitors can take place. Regrettably, if we do not receive enough contributions, then we will be unable to run some of the trips and experiences we have planned. Many thanks.

The Year 2 Team

Miss Alleman (Middle School Phase Leader)

Turquoise Class

Miss Bell (Class Teacher)

Livia (General TA)

Bennie (Additional adult support)

Laille (Additional adult support)

Royal Class

Mr Monerville (Class Teacher)

Clare (General TA)

Alice (Additional adult support)

Miss Allen (Additional adult support)

Ms Bruton (Student Teacher)

PPA Cover

Miss Lecky

Miss Andrulla

English

The Literacy Tree book we will be reading is "Jim and the Beanstalk" by Raymond Briggs. We will be making predictions and inferences about the character's feelings. We will be retelling the story orally and in writing using adverbials to sequence events. We will also change a section of the story map to create our own version of this well known fairy tale. Following this, we will plan and write our own sequel to the story. Every term we also focus on the correct use of punctuation, grammar and spelling.

Maths

This term, we will be continuing to secure our knowledge of number and place value. We will be problem solving by using different ways of adding and subtracting and multiplying and dividing in context. We will also be estimating and using the inverse to check our answers. We will also be covering objectives for measurement, fractions and geometry. Please support your child in learning how to read and tell the time on a clock.

Science

This term our focus is 'Plants'. We will be planting seeds to observe and describe how plants and bulbs grow. We will record our findings in a seed diary. We will also be working scientifically to find out what plants need to grow and stay healthy.

Read, Write, Inc

Every morning, your child will have a phonics session. We use the Read Write Inc teaching scheme. Your child is assessed regularly and put into a group appropriate to their needs.

Guided Reading

Everyday afternoon begins with Guided Reading. Your child will have a different reading focus each session, in order to help develop their skills. Children will have sessions that are supported by an adult and also tasks that are expected to be completed independently. We will also be promoting a love of reading and reading for enjoyment so your children will be read to and they will also read to each other.

PE

Your child will have two PE sessions each week:

Tuesday—Hall

Wednesday—Arena

The focuses this term are Dance and Athletics.

Topic

Our topic this term is 'Living and Growing' with a Science focus. In Geography, we will be revising where different countries are in the World to identify the hottest and coldest places. We will be looking at maps of the school and using compass directions to describe where key features are in the local area. We will also be creating our own maps using a key. In Computing, we will be learning how to search the Internet safely. We will also learn to use Scratch Jnr to program an educational animation. In Art, we will be sketching scenes from a learning walk to the Rookery and using watercolours to paint them. We will also be learning about the work of famous artists such as Georgia O'Keeffe and Vincent Van Gogh. As part of our SRE curriculum we will be finding out about sexual differences and naming body parts. In R.E. we will be learning more about Islam and the Muslim place of worship.

Any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher or the Phase Leader.