

## Important information

Spring term P.E. days for Year 2-

### Monday and Wednesday

P.E. will be outside when the weather gets warmer. Please ensure that children have the correct PE kit in school all week.

- ♦ A Burgundy or white t-shirt and a dark-coloured sweatshirt for when it is chilly
- ♦ Burgundy or black shorts and/or jogging bottoms
- ♦ Trainers or plimsolls
- ♦ Spare white socks



Please also ensure that long hair is tied up and earrings are removed or covered on these days.

## Important dates

This term we will be holding a 'Class Café' on

**Monday 22nd January at 9.00am.**

This will be an opportunity to hear more about the upcoming End of Key Stage 1 assessments (formally SATs), and how you can support your child at home.

The children will then join us to share what they have been learning with you.

Year 2 will also be going to Lackford Lakes on **Wednesday 28th March**

## Ways to help at home

You can really support your child's progress in reading by reading with them on a daily basis. Little and often is always best to ensure that it is a fun activity to look forward to. If your child becomes stuck on a word, encourage them to use one of the self help strategies they use at school-

- ♦ Sound the word out.
- ♦ Use the picture for clues (these pictures are very important and should never be covered up).
- ♦ Look at the first letter in the word and at the length of the word, what would make sense there?
- ♦ Read ahead and come back to the tricky word. Use your understanding of the sentence/ story to take a guess.
- ♦ If they can't work it out - tell them the word and praise their efforts.

Help your child to be an active reader by discussing the text together. Ask probing questions and connect the story events to your own life.

Please encourage your child to practise spelling words from the New Curriculum spelling list given out at Parents Evening. If you need another copy of this list, please just ask!

To help support your child in maths-

- ♦ Practise counting, forwards and backwards, in steps of 2, 3, 5 and 10 and learn the associated multiplication facts off by heart.
- ♦ Revise number bonds to 10, 20 and 100 and learn doubles and halves to 20 off by heart.
- ♦ Practise telling the time to 5 minute intervals i.e. 5.25pm.
- ♦ Practise adding and subtracting using the Empty Number Line method.

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Amazing  
Animals

## Welcome to the Spring term



This term our learning will be focused on many of the amazing animals around the world. We will begin the term by learning about arctic animals and how they adapt to their environments. We will then journey to Africa to discover more about the mammals from the African Savannah. The children will also be learning about endangered animals from the Australian outback and a variety of sea creatures from the largest coral reef in the world, the Great Barrier Reef!



We will also learn about domestic animals and the important jobs that some of them do. As requested by the children, we will finish the term by learning about the dinosaurs which roamed the earth 66 million years ago!

## What we will be learning

### English

Children will continue to participate in daily English and SPAG lessons.

We will be using non-fiction books and websites to discover facts about animals and writing explanations on how penguins keep warm in Antarctica. The children will also be writing animal poetry in a range of styles including acrostic poems and calligram poems.

### Art

The children will be developing their paint mixing, drawing and printing skills. They will be creating a print of their favourite animal using a polystyrene tile.

### Geography

The children will travel around the world learning about the different continents and the animals that inhabit them.

### RE

In our Gospel unit the children will investigate the lives of some people for whom Jesus was good news. Jesus offered friendship, forgiveness and peace and we will think about how these three offers are 'good news'.

### Music

This term the children will continue their weekly music lessons with Ms Thickpenny. They will be identifying a variety of musical instruments and listening to and performing rock and reggae music!

### PE

The children will take part in games, gymnastics and dance sessions throughout the term.

### Maths

Maths will continue to be taught daily. Children will be taught a variety of skills involving number, money, shape, space and measures.

We try to link our Maths lessons to our topic wherever possible which may mean for example making a pictogram to discover what our favourite animal is or measuring the lengths of different dinosaurs.

### Science

The children will be classifying living things through studying their similarities and differences. We will study the lifecycles of several animals as well as learning about food chains.

### History

The children will develop their understanding of chronology through the study of lifecycles including their own!

### DT

The children will be designing and making a clay dinosaur fossil and a wooden shelter to protect a real dinosaur egg!

### PSHE

The children will take part in an economic wellbeing unit which will enable them to understand key concepts about money and provides insights into its function and uses.

