

Year 2 Spring Newsletter

Hello and welcome back to school. We hope you've all had a wonderful Christmas break and are all eager to start the new year. We have an exciting Spring term ahead. Please find below lots of key information about the Spring term arrangements and important information in order for us to all have a successful term.



PE

PE days continue to be on Wednesday and Friday. Please could children have the correct labelled PE kit which consists of:

- a white t-shirt
- a pair of blue shorts, or jogging bottoms
- a pair of black pumps or trainers

The PE kit should be in a labelled bag and will be kept in school until February half term. This term we will be learning hockey, dance, tennis and gymnastics.



Core Subjects and Arrangements

This term in English, our focus will be on punctuation and encouraging the children's creativity. We will be writing a report about a superhero as well as persuading an audience to buy a particular chocolate bar.

During reading lessons, children will continue to develop their fluency and comprehension and also build our skills on answering comprehension questions. In Maths, we will be returning to Place Value and we will be focussing on comparing numbers beyond 50, counting in 3's and developing our partitioning skills. As well as that, we will be learning more formal written methods for all of the operations. Towards the end of the term, we will be looking at length and height for our unit on measure.

In Science, we will be learning about living things and their habitats and plants.



Foundation Subjects

This half term we will be bakers, making our own bread rolls in DT and learning about how to send an email in Computing.

We will also be discussing similarities and differences between different types of music in our unit 'Music to make you move'.

After half-term George Cadbury will be our focus in History and we will have our school trip to Selly Manor to go alongside this in February. In our Art lessons we will be looking at William Morris and creating our own prints.



Snacks and Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle filled with unflavoured water. The children will have access to these throughout the day. Squash is allowed at break and lunchtime only. For break time the children have the option to select a piece of fruit, which Key Stage 1 children receive for free or they can bring in a healthy snack from home. Healthy snack ideas are as follows;

- a cereal bar
- a yoghurt which does not require a spoon
- a cheese style snack such as a Cheesestring

Please do not send your child in with any crisps or chocolate based snacks as they won't be able to have them.



Reading

Children need to bring in their book bags every day. They will have two Reading lessons throughout the week and read with in a group at another time.

Please read with your child as much as possible and whenever you do please sign their Reading Record, this can be in the form of the date, a small comment and/or a smiley face and your initials.

To support your child further, you could ask questions about the books or characters and enjoy reading other books and stories together.

Homework



Thank you for your support in accessing the homework via Teams, we will continue to post the weekly spellings and MyMaths here every Friday. We would also like children to continue to use Numbots as much as possible.

This half-term's homework will have a focus on DT and more information on this will be sent out on Teams shortly.

In addition to this, please continue to read with your child throughout the week.

How to contact us

The best way to contact us is via email on year2@grendon.bham.sch.uk If you have any questions or queries, please feel free to contact us via email and we will get back to you as soon as possible. We will always contact you via email so please ensure you check regularly.

The Year 2 Team

Dates for your diary:

9th February—Payment for the trip deadline

20th February - Y2 trip to Selly Manor