

# 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.

## PE

PE days will now be on a Monday 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 half term. This term we will be learning hockey, dance then basketball and gymnastics.

## Core Subjects and Arrangements

This term in English, the focus will be on using a range of punctuation within sentences and encouraging the children's creativity. We will be writing about an owl's first flight, using alliteration in poetry as well as turning back time to inform our parents what it was like working in a new chocolate factory in Bournville, called Cadbury!

During reading lessons, children will continue to develop their fluency and understanding of a variety of texts, improve their inference skills and they will also build on answering a range of comprehension questions based on evidence.

In Maths, we will learn more formal written methods for all of the operations and we will also be learning about measure. Towards the end of the term, we will focus on fractions.

Living things and their habitats is the focus for Science and just before Easter we will switch our attention to plants, so hopefully it warms up by then!



## 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 exploring traditional songs that are significant to the British Isles in our unit 'Music: On the Island'.

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 March. In our Art lessons we will be looking at Matisse and creating our own artwork in the Fauvism style.

We continue to teach PSHE and RE where we will understand the importance of self-esteem, participating and harmony.



### 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 doesn't need a spoon
- a cheese style snack.

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 have two Reading lessons throughout the week and read within a small group at another time. They will continue to visit the library regularly.

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 homework via Teams. We will continue to post the weekly spellings and MyMaths in this way every Friday. This half-term's homework has a focus on DT and more information on this will be sent out on Teams. In addition to this, please continue to read with your child.



We would also like children to continue to use Numbots as much as possible. We believe it makes a big difference to their number sense. Children should anticipate a certain amount of struggle to pass some levels – that's the nature of learning and improving! It is appropriate that children take between 1 and 5 attempts to pass a level, on average. If however, the time constraint required to pass a Story Level is either too tough or becomes a barrier in stopping your child from playing, we are able to increase the amount of time given.

Please let your child's teacher know if this is something you are interested in.

### How to contact us

The best way to contact us is via email on [year2@grendon.bham.sch.uk](mailto:year2@grendon.bham.sch.uk) If you have any questions or queries, please feel free to let us know and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

The Year 2 Team

### Dates for your diary:

*27th Jan - Maths Parent Meeting at 9am.*

*3rd & 5th Feb - Parents Evening.*

*15th March - World Book Day.*

*18th March - Trip to Selly Manor. Payment of £22 for this trip is on School Money.*