Year 2| Spring Term 2, February 2025

Welcome to the second half of the spring term!

Miss Key and Miss Payne are pleased to welcome you back to Year 2 for Term 4! It is crazy to think that we are at the half way point of this academic year, but are looking forward to getting started on our new Art Project, 'Cut, College, Create'.

Project

This term's Project is Art focused. Our Project, 'Cut, College Create' will broaden children's knowledge of famous artists and their techniques. Children will have time to practise these skills. We will also be comparing collages, thinking about how the artist has represented identity before producing a final college that best represents their identity.

Phonics

This term Year 2 will continue to focus on Stage 5 sounds. Children will learn alternative codes for sounds already learnt, deepening their reading and spelling. Children will be sent home with their Phonics sheets every Friday, to practise at home, alongside their Year 2 common expception words.

Maths

This term we'll begin by looking at fractions. Children will continue their learning on halves, thirds and quarters. Within this they will become familiar with the vocabulary numerator, denominator and equivalence. Children will continue participating in times table practise and will are encouraged to play Times Table Rock Star (TTRS), using their accounts.

Writing

In Literacy, we will be using the poem The Magic Paintbrush by Julia Donaldson to write a story. Children will add story telling language and features such as story openers, speech and adjectives for description and be encouraged to reread their writing to check for errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation.

Across the curriculum

During indoor PE, we are focusing on Target Games. In outdoor PE, children will learn a variety of ways to stay fit.

In Science, this term we will be learning about Plants. Children will learn about the stages of plant growth and be given the opportuity to plant a seed and provide it with the conditions it needs to grow.

Events coming up

Thursday 6th March - World Book Day

Friday 28th March – Dancing with Sonal

Things to remember!

PE Days

On PE days, please send your child into school in their PE Kit.

Badgers: Tuesday and Friday

Squirrels: Monday and Friday

Children should wear a plain white t-shirt and black or blue plain jogging bottoms/shorts

Things to bring

A named water bottle

A healthy snack eg. a cereal bar or piece of fruit

A coat and waterproof shoes when the weather is wet or cold.

Please note, children **do not** need to bring pens, pencils or stationary.

Help us reunite lost items with their owners: name everything!

Keeping in touch

We'd love to hear from you!

Check Class Dojo for updates on what is happening in class or to message us! We love to hear what is happening at home.

Any urgent messages, or messages about absences, illness pick ups or lunches should go through School Gateway or the school office.

Helping learning at home

We know how busy family lives are, and how tired children are at the end of the day. We don't want to add any extra pressure at home, but there are a few things you could do at home to help your child's learning.

Home is a great place to practice reading!
This term, we are focusing on finding information in the text: try asking your child these questions about their reading: What kind of text is this? Who did…? Where did…? When did…? What happened when…? Why did …… happen? How did……? How many…? What happened to……?

Great mathematicians know their Number Bonds!
Children have been given a login and password to Numbots which is a great way to practise. Looking to beat the clock? Have a go at Hit the Button! (just type it into google).
We use White Rose to teach maths, and they have advice here: Maths with Michael | Michael Underwood | White Rose Education

Talk about their learning!
If your child isn't sure what to share about what they've learnt, use their knowledge organiser to start a conversation or ask about a class post on ClassDojo. 'Tell me more' is a great thing to say to encourage them to share what they've been thinking about.

Homework:
Homework will be set on **Fridays** and brought back to school on **Tuesday**. We know it can be a struggle to get children to work at home. We think hard about activities children should be confident with, and that will help their learning, but talk to us if your child is struggling.

Please get in touch if you have any questions about our learning via the school office or ClassDojo.

The school lunch menu

See the curriculum on our website

School uniform information