



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new term and a new year. We hope that you all enjoyed spending time with your families over the Christmas holidays.

English

This half term, we are focusing our writing based on the text *Anansi the Spider* by Gerald McDermott. The children will be reading and writing about the text and creating a persuasive letter from one of the main characters to one of the other characters in the story. Their new learning for this piece of writing will be how to use apostrophes for the possessive singular noun.



The children will continue to access the daily Read Write Inc. programme in groups. Please continue to **read at home** regularly.

The children will continue to have a mixture of spelling patterns and the Year 2 common exception words to learn at home each week. Spellings will still be tested every **Monday** and the new list will be sent home the same day. Please ensure that their **homework books** or **folders** are in their book bags every **Monday**.

Mathematics

This half term, the children will focus on Measurement– Temperature and Mass, Statistics–Pictograms. At home, you can encourage your child to practice their skills by asking them to show you the methods they have been learning in class.

Science

The children are going to focus their learning about **Living things and their habitats** and **Plants**. They will learn about the difference between living and non-living things and will then find out about habitats in familiar areas, such as woodlands and ponds and further afield from seashores to deserts. They will also explore microhabitats.



PE

PE will take place on a **Wednesday** and on a **Friday**. On a Wednesday they will be taking part in dance with Dragos and on a Friday Gymnastics with Mrs Boyle.



Computing

Programming a Robot (algorithms)– The children will develop their understanding of instructions in sequences and the use of logical reasoning to predict outcomes. They will use given commands in different orders to investigate how the order affects the outcome. The children will also learn about design in programming.



History

In history the children will be learning about The Great Fire of London and the effect it had on the people of the time. The children will find out when, where, how and why the Great Fire happened, and explore how we know about it through the diary of Samuel Pepys and other sources.



PSHE

This half term the children are learning about **Dreams and Goals** through discussion and setting realistic goals for themselves to achieve in Year 2. They will learn how to stay motivated when doing something challenging and to keep trying even when they find something difficult. They will learn how to have a positive attitude and how to support others in achieving their goals.



Art

Printed Images- The children will learn about artists who include printed images within their work, discussing and evaluating examples of their artwork. They will build on their observational drawing skills from last term and attempt to make accurate representations of real objects and scenes. They will learn how to print using the collagraph method. They will continue to build examples of their learning in their sketchbooks, recording observations, revisiting ideas and evaluating their own and others' artwork.



Music

Mrs Le Brun will be focusing on teaching the children **Music Theory**. The children have music lessons on Fridays.



Homework

Please remember to include at least 15 minutes of reading and practicing the weekly spellings each evening. Please record your child's reading books in their yellow reading records. (New School Reading Challenge coming up!)



Diary Dates

Parent Consultations-

Wednesday 12th February and Wednesday 26th February (Bookings will be sent out closer to the time.)

Kind regards,

Miss O'Donoghue, Mrs. Manning and Mrs. Brandon

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask one of us at drop off or pick up or email.

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