



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. Read Write books can be changed each day if needed.

The children will continue to have handwriting/spelling homework set each week. These will be issued and collected every **Monday**.

Mathematics

This half term, the children will continue to focus on multiplication and division. We will then learn about Length, Temperature, Mass and 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. Please practice the 2, 5 and 10 times tables as much as you can! Thank you.

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 **Tuesday** and **Wednesday** (for both classes). This term, they will be doing Gymnastics with Mrs Boyle and Dance with Dragos (specialist Dance teacher).



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 Elizabeth Castle. They will learn about where it is, why it was built, what it was like to live there and how it has changed over time.



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 Mondays.



Homework

Please continue to make time to read with your child every day. Children can change their Read Write Inc book each day if they have read their book the night before. Reading each day is so important and vital for your child's reading progress.

Please support your child with the handwriting and spelling homework. This is issued and collected each **Monday**.



Diary Dates

Parent Consultations-

Wednesday 11th February and Wednesday 25th February (Bookings will be sent out closer to the time.)

Kind regards,

Miss Le Seilleur, Miss Deveau and Mr Hamon-Cole

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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