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Year 2 Dates

Thursday 5th January: Y2 Planetarium

Monday 9th January: Clubs Begin

Monday 6th February: Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 7th February: Safer Internet Day

Monday 6th and Thursday the 9th February: Virtual Parent's Evening

Thursday 23rd February: PTFA School Disco

Thursday 2nd March: World Book Day

Monday 20th March: Last week of clubs.

Friday 31st March: Term ends at 1:15pm

Spring is in the air!

Welcome back to Year 2, we are excited to be back and feeling refreshed after the Christmas break. The children have come back brilliantly, ready to learn and have shown a great attitude so far. We had so much fun at the mobile planetarium on Thursday – what a great start to the term!

What's happening this term?

Our topic for the first half of this term is **'The Swinging Sixties'** - a topic all about the

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1960s, focusing on History skills. We will learn all about the music, fashion, technology, transport and home life in the 1960s. We will also be looking at significant events from this decade.



Our second topic this term is **The Enchanted Forest!** In this topic, we will be making the most of our beautiful Woodland Walk and learning about simple fieldwork and mapping as well as watching spring burst forth! We will look at microhabitats and learn about how water light and temperature impact plants. We will be planting bulbs and seeds.



PE: Our timetabled PE days are:

Wednesday – Indoor PE
Thursdays - Outdoor Games.

Please ensure your child has PE trainers in school in a labelled bag.

Our indoor sessions are gymnastics/dance and in our outdoor games lessons

we are learning to Hula Hoop and Skipping.

Library

The children in 2VT will be able to **change their library books on Tuesdays.**

The children in 2S will be able to **change their library books on Fridays.**

Science:

In Spring 1, we will be learning all about humans and animals. We will be learning how animals grow and change from birth to adults and learning how humans change from baby and toddler to childhood. We will also be looking at what humans need to survive and learning more about the importance of a healthy diet.

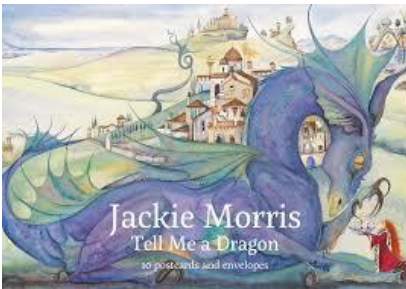
In Spring 2, will be learning about microhabitats in the woodland and how different plants and animals depend upon each other. We will also be studying what plants need to grow, plant life cycles and how seeds and bulbs create new plants.

English:

We are starting Spring 1 by looking at the text 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon and writing an informative letter before exploring 'Flat Stanley' by Jeff Brown and writing descriptions of the main character. We will then be creating our own adventure for Stanley to go on.



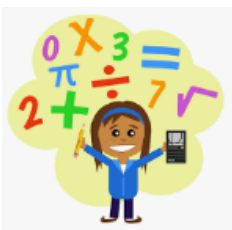
Our guided reading texts for this term are: 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea', 'Meerkat Mail' and 'The Owl and the Pussycat'.



Spring 2 will start with Tell me a Dragon. An exciting book that will inspire us to write a fantasy story to share with the Year 1s. We will also be looking at instruction writing and newspaper report writing.

Maths:

During this term, we will be learning to multiply numbers by making arrays and counting in groups of 2, 3, 5 and 10. We will also be learning multiplication facts for the 2, 5- and 10-times table off by heart.



After this we will be learning to find related division facts for the 2, 5- and 10-times tables, as well as dividing by sharing and grouping numbers.

Computing:

In our Computing lessons this term, we will be learning to use the internet safely, using websites we trust. We will also be learning to use the programmes Microsoft Word, 2Paint a Picture, 2Code and 2Music Toolkit. Please also continue to use Google classroom.

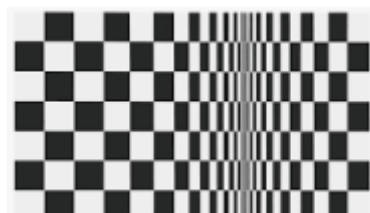


Music:

We continue to have weekly lessons from Hampshire Music Service each Monday afternoon. This term we have Bamboo Tamboo where we will be exploring rhythm.

Art/Design and Technology:

In the first half of the term, we will be using drawing, painting and printing techniques to make artwork inspired by artists from the



1960s including Andy Warhol and Bridget Riley.

In Spring 2 we will be doing a Design and Technology unit on food, learning about nutrition, the importance of a healthy diet and hygiene when cooking.

Home Learning:

We would like to thank you for reading with your child at home. The children can change their reading book as often as necessary - usually when they arrive in the morning. Please let us know if they're not doing this and we can nag as well! If an adult signs the reading diary four times a week, then your child will receive three house points when we check the reading diaries on a Friday. Please continue to encourage your children to use Spelling and Maths Shed.

We are very much looking forward to a fantastic term with lots of exciting learning opportunities taking place.

Many thanks,

Miss Singleton and Miss Van Tuyl

