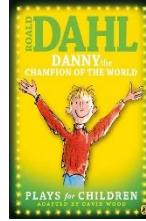


Year 2 Spring Term Newsletter

Happy New Year!

In **English** this half term we will be using conjunctions to write instructions, to use noun phrases to write a poem about the earth and to use past tense verbs correctly to write a travel blog. After half term we will be looking at the story Danny the Champion of the World by Roald Dahl where we will write character descriptions, instructions and stories. We will also complete weekly reading **comprehension** lessons.



During our **Geography** lessons we will be learning about the British Isles and comparing where we live to Cape Town in South Africa. In our **History** lessons we will learn all about The Tudors.

In **Art** children will be learning about how to draw a self-portrait using Picasso and his style of portraits as our example. In **DT** lessons we will link in with our story Danny the Champion of the World where we will design and build our own caravans.

During our **Computing** lessons the topic will be Robot Algorithms, where we will learn how computers work by needing precise instructions in order to carry out tasks. Then after half term we will be using Lego WeDo to build a recycling truck and sort materials.

In **PE** this half term we will be doing gymnastics and Pilates on a **Monday** and **Friday**. Please make sure your child comes into school in the correct PE kit on these days.



During **Science** lessons the children will be learning all about electricity and how to build a circuit using conductors. After half term we will then learn all about Plants and what a plant needs to survive and grow.

In **RE**, the children will be exploring the questions 'The Aum: what is the meaning of this symbol of the Hindu religion?' and 'How important is it to Christians that Jesus came back to life after his crucifixion?'



In **music**, the theme is orchestral instruments where we will listen and analyse orchestral versions of stories as well as identify four sections of the orchestra. After half term, we will move on to learning Dynamics, timbre, tempo, motifs.

In **Maths** this term we will be working on time, place value (estimating, counting and comparing), mental strategies for addition and subtraction, partitioning, grouping and sharing and measures and money. As well as this, we will continue to work on learning our 2, 5 and 10 times tables and using this knowledge to help us with multiplication and division. We will also look at reasoning and word problems for all number operations to get us used to these styles of questions.



Upcoming Events

Friday 2nd February NSPCC Numbers day

Tuesday 6th February Internet safety day

Friday 9th February pancake toss

Monday 12th February- Friday 16th February Half term

Thursday 7th March World Book day

Friday 8th March Wonderful women day

Thursday 28th March Easter service and bonnet parade

Maths and English homework this term will continue to be mini tests from the SATs buster books which will help the children become familiar with the types of questions they will be asked in the Summer Term KS1 SATs.

Spellings – These will continue to be given out with the homework on Friday ready for testing the following Friday and activities will be available on Spelling Frame.

Please encourage your child to tell the time regularly and practice their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. They should also be encouraged to go onto Doodle Maths and Doodle Tables (ideally daily) as it really does boost their understanding of Maths.

Reading Books

Monday – books changed.

Thursday - books changed.

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