



Spring 2023 Newsletter

Buttercup and Marigold Classes

Dear Year 2 Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school and we hope you had a restful Christmas!

Firstly, we would like to say a big thank you for all the kind gifts and cards we received at the end of term. This term will be a busy one as we continue to revisit lost learning from Year 1, as well as teaching the Year 2 curriculum. This is to ensure that your children are in the best possible place for their transition to key stage 2. Towards the end of the term, we will arrange a meeting with parents to discuss key stage 1 SATs, which are due to run from the beginning of May. They are very low-key assessments and certainly nothing for the children, or yourselves, to worry about. We also welcomed Ms Skye Vass, a student teacher, into Marigold Class where she will spend 6 weeks with us.

Curriculum

Maths

This term we will be covering the following topics: shape, multiplication and division including times tables, and then moving to fractions, time and measures. We will revisit place value, addition and subtractions, money, identifying the value of different coins and notes and measuring length and time. The children will develop their reasoning and problem solving skills through daily challenges. Your child will begin to count in steps of 2, 5 and 10 from any number, the multiplication sign will be introduced to support multiplication sentences.

Help your child at home by getting them to explain what they have been doing in class, practising counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. You can also have fun shopping and using money to help them understand the value of coins.

English

In English, we will be teaching grammar, comprehension, spellings and handwriting, as well as daily reading sessions. Our first Talk for Writing story is The Papaya that Spoke. After that we will go on a cultural journey to China to read 'The Magic Paintbrush' by Julia Donaldson. We will use some of this learning in our DT as well. Another Talk for Writing text we will read is 'Click, Clack, Moo, Cows That Type' by Doreen Cronin. We will look at the structure of poems and will also create our own poems. Of course, there will be lots of innovation and role-play to support our writing and comprehension. We have moved onto phase 6 in our phonics, and this will continue into the spring term.

Help your child at home by reading with them for 15 minutes every day, whether this is a book from school or home, reading is essential for your child's literacy development. Remember to ask questions about the text to help with comprehension. Example questions - Who are the characters? What is the setting? Which character was unkind? How do you know?

Science

In science, we will be learning about 'Animals and their Habitats'. We will investigate the different animals and plants in our local environment and the different habitats we find them in. We will also look at food chains and the interdependence of the different species within a food chain.

Humanities (History & Geography)

We will start this term by looking at 'Great Explorers and Achievers.' Matthew Henson, Bessy Coleman, Neil Armstrong and Mae Jemison, are the some of the main figures we will learn about. We will then discuss with the children who they may like to research and why. In the second half term we will explore our local area, focusing on the history and the geography. We will also compare our local area with a contrasting area in a non-European country.

Enrichment (French, Music & PE)

In music, the children will be composing their own music and focusing on how pitch works. In PE, the children will use a range of apparatus and will be learning basic shapes/balances and then working on the core skills in different team games. In French, the children will be learning about Epiphany and its importance.

Religious Education

In Religious Education, we will be exploring Jesus' parables. We will investigate why Jesus told parables and the lessons that he tried to teach through them. Our second area of focus is the Easter story and why it is so important to Christians. We will focus on the symbols of Easter and the meanings behind them.

Homework

Reading books – we will issue a new reading book each Friday. Please comment in their reading record books so that we know that the children have read at home. **All books are changed on Friday and new books won't be issued until the old books are returned.** Many books were not returned at the end of last term. If you have lost a book, please speak to your child's class teach.

10 min-practice sheets: maths, reading and /or spelling sheets to help with SATS preparations

Spelling practice – the children will be given differentiated spellings each week. They should write the words several times and write each word in a sentence. Please ensure homework is submitted no later than Wednesday each week.

Numbots homework – the children will be set **Numbots** tasks on a Friday to compliment classroom learning. This should be completed by the following Friday.

If your child has completed Numbots, they will continue on Times Tables Rockstars.

General Reminders

- **PLEASE NAME** all sweaters, coats, gloves, hats, plimsolls etc.
- **PE:**
 - **Mondays** PE with Mr Oakley - children to wear their correct PE kit to school - this is a plain house coloured t-shirt, black shorts or leggings/tracksuit bottoms and trainers
 - **Fridays** class PE - children to wear school uniform with trainers
- Please ensure that your child reads every day and do ask them about **what** they have read. The most important thing is that this is an enjoyable and valuable experience which will further support your child to develop a love of reading.
- We would like to remind parents that the school has a no jewellery policy, and earrings should be studs only, please. Nail polish is not allowed.
- Please also ensure that your child wears **black shoes** to school. If trainers, these must be completely black with no bright logos, flashing details or coloured laces/soles.
- If your child has long hair, please make sure it is tied back.
- Please send a named water bottle into school daily.
- Please keep up to date with news on our website [here](#)

Key dates

Please look out for the main newsletters as well as emails/text messages from the admin team.

- Monday 13th to Friday 17th February: half term - school closed
- Monday 20th February: children return to school
- Thursday 23rd February: Y2 SATs meeting for parents and carers @ 9.15 am
- March: Parent Consultations - details to follow
- Monday 3rd to Friday 14th April: Easter holiday
- Monday 17th April: INSET day - school closed
- Tuesday 18th April: children return to school as usual

*You can find the above dates and more on our calendar [here](#)

If there is anything that you would like to discuss with us, please feel free to talk to us after school, or make an appointment via the school office.

Mrs Molloy and Ms Ingleton
Year 2 Team