



Spring Newsletter

Year 2

Dear Parents and Carers,
Happy New Year and welcome to the Spring Term. I hope you had a lovely Christmas holiday. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for my Christmas gifts. I had a lot of fun opening them.

Our topic this term is 'Castle Life' with a focus on reading lots of 'Castle Stories' and learning about 'The Great Fire of London'. The Stuarts is a very dramatic period of history. Famous people from this time include: Samuel Pepys, Pocahontas, Sir Christopher Wren and Isaac Newton. On Friday 12th January Year 2 are taking part in a 'Great Fire of London' workshop. This was very successful last year and inspired our learning and writing for several weeks afterwards.

In maths we will be continuing with our tables - 2x, 5x 10x and 3x tables. Year 2 children now have individual logins for Times Tables Rock stars. This is a website for the children to log in to, in order to practise and challenge themselves on their times tables as well as being a fun way to learn. At home you may want to practise doubling and halving numbers to 20 for example half of 18 is 9 and double 16 is 32. We will be learning to identify and classify 3D shapes. Please encourage your child to practise telling the time to the nearest five minutes on an analogue as well as a digital clock. We will be starting with o'clock, half past, quarter to and past, first.

For maths games try these websites:

<https://ttrockstars.com/>

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/maths/

<http://mathszone.co.uk/>

Have a look at our class web page for Top Marks maths games link with lots of maths Learning Games to try.

In science we will be looking at materials such as metal, glass, wood, plastic, fabric and paper. We find out about their uses as well as their properties. We will be turning liquids into solids and vice versa. This BBC clip is useful if you would like to discuss materials with your child.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/clips/z7qd7ty>

Homework

Guided Reading and Spelling homework will be sent home on Fridays and returned the following Wednesday please. There may also be maths consolidation questions depending on the topic we are studying.

Children may bring in bottles of water each day so long as the bottle has a secure lid. These should be taken home every night for washing and refilling. No juice please.

Please try to make sure that all your child's clothes are clearly labelled with their name. Any lost property can then be easily identified.

PE

PE lessons are on Tuesdays and Wednesdays this term. Outdoor PE is on Wednesday, but we will try to go outside as much as possible on Tuesdays as well, weather permitting. Please ensure your child has their kit in school on the correct days. Kits should be taken home at the end of each half term for washing or before, if they become dirty. Track suits or leggings and warm hoodies may be sent in during cold weather.



In the mornings registers are taken at 9.00 but children are encouraged to be in school from 8.50 to take part in classroom activities. Children arriving after 9.00 are asked to enter school through the main door. Children are collected from the classroom door at 3.15.

If you have any queries or questions throughout the year please do not hesitate to contact me. If you are unable to come into school please use the home school planner as a means of communication.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Weatherby

