



# Year 2 Newsletter

## Spring 1—2023/2024



### Notices and Reminders

Please remember that PE for Year 2 is on a Friday so come in your PE kits with earrings removed if you wear them.

Home learning day will remain on a Thursday during which time children will be able to share their home learning in class.

### Key dates

#### January 2024

**Tuesday 2nd** - First day of Spring term

**Monday 15th** - **Inset day**

#### February 2024

**Friday 2nd** - Dog Safety Assembly  
(in school event)

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup>** – Parents Evening

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>** – Parents Evening

**Friday 9th** - Last day of Half Term  
3.15pm Finish

**Monday 19th** - **Back to school**

### Reading

This term, the children will be reading a range of Greek Myths written by Geraldine McCaughrean. The children will focus on answering questions by looking for evidence in the text and ensuring they have a clear understanding of the vocabulary that we encounter. The class read will be *Me and Mister P* by Maria Farrer.



### Writing

This term, the children will focus on the texts 'The Story of Pirate Tom' and 'Pirate Adventure Park'. The main focus will be writing effective openings and endings. Throughout the term, the children will continue to build their knowledge and understanding of spelling, punctuation and grammar.



### Maths

This term, the children will learn to recognise and use symbols for pounds (£) and pence (p).

They will also combine and find different combinations of coins equalling the same amounts. Using this knowledge, the children will then solve simple problems in a practical context involving addition and subtraction of money, including giving change. The children will begin the multiplication and division unit by recognising equal groups.



20p

50p

£1.00

£2.00

## Science

In science, the children will be learning how to identify and classify if something is alive, was once alive or has never been alive. The children will be exploring what a habitat is, and what makes a good habitat for a variety of plants and animals. Finally, the children will investigate food chains and learn how



to construct one.

## Geography

This term in geography, the children will begin to answer the question 'Why doesn't anyone live in Antarctica permanently?' The children will learn to locate Antarctica and identify its seasons and climate. They will then begin to learn the different plants and animals that can be found in Antarctica.



## DT

In DT this term, the children will be learning how to make a stable structure by building a chair that will take Pirate Tom's weight! They will be learning about the key features of a stable structure, as well as how to construct it, test it and evaluate it.



## PE

In PE, the children will be learning to play tennis. This will begin with learning how to strike a ball with the forehand and backhand groundstrokes. They will then use these skills to begin to rally and learn how to win points.

They will also learn about the Wimbledon tennis tournament and professional tennis players Serina Williams and Andy Murray.



## Computing

This term, the children will learn what a photo is and how to take a great photograph. The children will find out the difference between a photograph and a digital image, as well as how photographs and digital images can be stored.

Finally, they will explore taking their own photographs, looking at composition, light and how to edit photographs to make them even better.



## PSHE

This term in PSHE, the children will ask the question: What jobs do different people have? The children will explore why people have jobs and the different jobs that people have. They will learn that a job refers to work that someone does to earn money. Finally, they will explore the difference between essential and unessential things that people need money for.



## Homework

As always our home learning will consist of 6 invitations to learn linked to our learning in school. There will be a mix of Maths, English, science and foundation subjects.

Children will then be able to share their home learning in class on a Thursday during assembly time and they can of course also upload videos and photos to Tapestry as well.

## Suggested books for reading

It would be great to do some research about Antarctica, the polar regions and animals and Scott of the Antarctic.

Also stories of pirates adventures.

