Friday 5th January

Dear Families,

Happy New Year! Thank you for all your good wishes for the Christmas break. We hope that you and your families had a lovely holiday.



This half term our topic is called 'Journey into the unknown', where we focus our topic on a variety of books and stories that go on adventures. We focus most heavily on Peter Pan.

English

This half term the children will be reading the text: Peter Pan, using the version written by J.M Barrie. They will be learning to write stories, character descriptions and settings. We will be focusing on developing the children's descriptive language and using commas between adjectives to use expanded noun phrases. E.g., Tinkerball wore a glittery, beautiful skirt. They will build up to writing their very own Peter inspired story which we look forward to sharing with you on Thursday 8th February at 2.45pm.

Phonics

In Phonics the children will be learning about the present and past tense (e.g. just add -ed walk - walked, doubling the consonant skip - skipped, irregual past tense verbs run - ran). They will learn about the different spelling principles and apply this in their writing. The children will also continue to learn more words which cannot be phonetically decoded.

Spellings

Please practise the attached list of words. These are some of the words the children need to be able to spell correctly in their writing by the end of year 2. Your child will be tested on Tuesday 30th January. We will send home a copy of their test so you know how they got on in class. In addition, please continue to practise any words the children found tricky from the previous half term.

Reading

Please continue to read with your child at least 4 times per week. We will send home a new book on a Friday. Please return the book the following week on the Thursday. To encourage independence, the children are responsible for putting their new book in their book bag, ready to take home. If your little one forgets, you could check they have remembered to put it in, when you collect them on a Friday.

Mathematics

In Mathematics, the children will learn how to multiply numbers using their 2,3,5 and 10 times tables. They will draw arrays and use repeated addition, e.g. 10 + 10 + 10 can be written as 3×10 . They will learn multiplication is commutative (3×10 gets the same answer as 10×3). They will also learn how division is the inverse of multiplication. They will start by sharing objects into equal groups and then use drawings to support their understanding.

Wider curriculum

In Computing, the children will be using the internet safely to do research. They will be using a search engine and discussing that not all of the internet is accurate or useful. In music, the children will continue to learn the recorder. This will include the correct fingering of notes and reading notes. As part of our history, we will be looking at a historical figure and learning about the impact they have had on society.

PE

This term the children will be doing an additional PE session each week. Please ensure PE kits are in school at all times. Please ensure your child has a jumper and trousers for the colder months ahead.

Woodpeckers: Tuesdays and Thursdays

Foxes: Tuesdays and Fridays

Badgers: Mondays and Thursdays

Should you have any queries or concerns while your child is in Year 2, please contact us. We would like to thank you for your continued support.

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