



February 26th 2018

Newsletter for Class 2

Spring 2

Welcome back everyone. We have now reached the half way point of the year!

Thank you to everyone who came to our 'Polar Regions Exhibition'. The children were really proud of their work and enjoyed showing all the visitors.

Our new topics for Spring 2 is 'Carnival of the Animals'

- We will be reading the story 'The owl who was afraid of the dark' and working on developing our comprehension skills
- We will also be looking at persuasive writing, thinking about language that can be used to persuade
- We will continue learning about different groups of animals, identifying, naming and classifying them
- We will be listening to the music 'The Carnival of the Animals' by Saint-Saens, describing the music and thinking about which animal it might represent. We will compose our own music, linked to animals
- As part of our P.E work, we will investigate moving like different animals
- Our computing work will involve using a branching database to help sort animals
- We will also be learning about the Easter story

Please see the attached curriculum overview for more details about what your child will be learning and how you can help.

Year 1 Phonics Meeting

Thursday 15th March 2.45pm.

Come and find out about the Year 1 phonics screening (a test that all year 1 children take in June). Please see the separate letter for more details. The meeting is for parents of Year 1 children.

PE days are now Mondays and Tuesdays.

Please make sure book bags (with reading diaries and reading books) are in school every day. Even though it was a shorter half term, lots of children managed to beat their reading score, showing that they are doing more reading at home. We will continue to record each read with a number in their journals.

Home-learning will be given out on Mondays and should be handed in by the following Friday.

If you would like to do home-learning over the weekend, then it can be handed in on Mondays (but we might not have time to look at it before giving it out again!)

Thank you to everyone who helps make sure the children do their home-learning every week; it makes a real difference to their learning.

The topic home learning tasks can be completed over the half term and can be given in whenever they are ready.

We spend time sharing the projects at the end of the half term.

Please encourage your child **not** to bring a bag to school (other than their book-bag). There just isn't enough room in our cloakroom. It makes it really difficult for the children to get to their P.E kit/coat at playtimes. Then coats and other belongings end up on the floor. Book-bags need to be kept in drawers and water bottles on the side in the classroom.

If your child needs different clothes for an after school club, please bring these in as small a bag as possible.

Dates:

Wednesday 28th February (this Wednesday): Cricket taster afternoon (children will need PE kits)

Wednesday 28th February (this Wednesday): Informal Parents' Evening 3.30-5.30

Thursday 1st March (this Thursday): World Book Day. Children can come dressed as a character from a book

Thursday 15th March: Year 1 Phonics Information Meeting, 2.45pm

Monday 26th March– Wednesday 28th March: Bring decorated eggs into school

Thursday 29th March: Egg rolling afternoon (each child needs to bring a hard boiled egg with name written on). School closes for Easter.