

Morning routines

Please continue to encourage your child to be independent when they come into school, putting their coat on their peg, their book bag in the box and their water bottle on the side.

It has been lovely to see so many of you in class helping your children to complete the early morning grammar and maths activities. We understand that it is not possible for everyone to do this, so please do not worry if this is difficult for you. Children can always read quietly in the reading area.

Homework

We do hope that the list of web-based activities suggested at the beginning of the Academic year has proved helpful with the consolidation of learning at home. Soon, we will be sending home additional Maths related tasks to aid your child with the end of year KS1 assessments. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate children on their progress with learning their common exception words. There has been a significant improvement across the year group in spelling - Well Done!

There is no expectation for the children to complete any additional activities sent home during holidays. We celebrate any work that the children complete at home and bring in; set by school or independently carried out.

Reading

Your child has been given a book from the school library to read with you. Please help your child to change their book in the Infant library. There is a box in the library for returned books. Follow the colours which are used to identify the books which are at the appropriate level to your child's reading. We do ask that you listen to your child read as often as possible and discuss what they read.

Please write in the reading record. Your child takes part in weekly guided reading sessions in class and we complete our own records of these.

Year 2

Miss Nelson & Mrs Shaw

Phonics:

All Children in the Infants have daily phonics lessons taught through the scheme 'Letters and Sounds'. Children are grouped into different phases to learn phonics according to their phonic knowledge.



Spellings and Grammar

Please continue to support your child in practising the spellings at home. There will be a check on the spellings of the days of the week and months of the year at the end of the term.

Forest Schools

These sessions will continue to take place on a Wednesday afternoon. The focus is Science with a link to the outdoors. Please ensure that your child brings appropriate warm clothing and wellington boots on this day.

Parent Teacher Interviews

(PTI)

We look forward to seeing you during the Parent Teacher Interviews on Tuesday 27th February through to Thursday 1st March.

Parent helpers

We are always grateful for parent (and grandparent!) helpers in school and some of our activities will not be able to go ahead without your help. Please let us know if you could help with reading at any time.

If you have any other interests or activities, you could help with (e.g. if you enjoy gardening or art) please let us know! Thank you.

PE

PE will continue to be on Monday and Friday afternoons. Please make sure your child has their PE kit in school to change into after lunch on these days. They need to have a white t-shirt and navy shorts/jogging bottoms to change into as well as trainers. Long hair is to be tied back.

Topic Overview Year 2 - Alice in Wonderland

Classroom Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Different versions of Alice in Wonderland (AIW) 	Educational Visits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Library visit ✓ Life Education Bus
Key Texts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Different versions of Alice in Wonderland 	Home links - activities parents can do to support the topic.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Reading together daily ✓ Talking about what we read - use questions prompts given out at last parent interview. ✓ Completing Maths activities using 'Mathsplayground.com'. ✓ Practising spellings
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Instruction Writing ✓ Descriptive Writing ✓ Dialogue Writing ✓ Drama activities ✓ Re-telling parts of AIW ✓ Story maps and story stepping ✓ Grammar activities 	Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Multiplication and Division ✓ Exploring Fractions
Physical Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Developing Rugby Skills and Dance 	Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Habitats, including gardening ✓ Features of living things ✓ Food chains
Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Whole school singing ✓ Music lesson with Jackie Worth (recorders) 	Art and design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Clay work ✓ Surrealist Art
Geography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Using language associated with physical features, e.g. bank, tunnel 	Computing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Photography ✓ Data handling
RE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Different religious festivals 	Outdoor Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Measuring capacity and mass
PSHE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Going for Goals ✓ Life Education Bus 	History	Not in this unit