

A Few Reminders:

PE this term will be on Wednesday and Friday and the first will be outdoor so the children will need trainers. Can we ask you to ensure that all kit is named, including shoes to help us reunite kit and children! Also a small PE bag would be ideal as peg space is a little tight!

Lost sweatshirts and cardigans can cause problems so please ensure that they are named visibly. Named water bottles are also essential and these should be in school each day.

All the children will make great strides with their reading over the course of this year, but this can only be achieved with your continuing support through reading regularly with your child and taking time to enjoy and talk about the book. Spelling and homework will be sent home in your child's learning log every Friday and should be returned to school on Wednesdays to allow time for marking and changing. Spelling test will be on Friday.

Lastly, please feel free to come and see us if you have any concerns or worries, or alternatively, write a note in your child's reading record.

We are looking forward to the new term and we know that we are going to have a great time.

Mrs Steeds and Miss Allen

Class 2

Curious and creative thinkers, independent and enthusiastic learners and confident children.



Plant Explorers



Curriculum Newsletter Spring 2019

Happy New Year!

Welcome Back! Thank you so much for all our gifts. We really appreciate your generosity and thoughtfulness. For the first half of this term we are fortunate to have Miss Cahill working with us for 4 days a week. This term we are learning about plants here and in different parts of the world. To kick off our topic this term we will be taking a flight to India. No passports needed!

There will be many opportunities to learn through visits and activities which will include:

- Pizza Express 15.1.19
- Visit to Bhaktivedanta Manor Watford date TBC
- Visit to Ashridge
- Growing plants from seeds and bulbs
- Action Aid workshop
- Indian Feast Wednesday 20th March



Please make a note of these dates - there will be details to follow nearer the time.

Literacy: At the beginning of term, we will be writing instructions and thinking about the different types of sentences. We will then be comparing different versions of a traditional tale. There will be plenty of opportunities for storytelling and role play before the children create their own versions. Following this, we will be focusing on explanations using some non-fiction texts. In reading, we will continue to develop reading fluency whilst working on comprehension skills, in particular, developing inference and learning to refer back to the text. Spelling for Year 1 will be linked with their phonics, whilst year 2 will focus on spelling rules.

Maths: The children will be revisiting number facts to 10 and then to 20 as recall really helps them to calculate. Year 1 children will be learning to add and subtract using counting on and back and applying this knowledge to help them solve problems. They will learn to count in 2s, 5s and 10s and begin to use this knowledge to solve simple multiplications. Year 2 children will be solving addition and subtraction calculations. This will include learning more formal written methods. The children will also be looking at patterns in the 2x, 5x and 10x tables and applying their multiplication knowledge to problem solving and making links with division.

Science: Plants

R.E.: the Gospels and Easter

Geography: Investigating the flora and physical geography of a contrasting locality to explore their similarities and differences

ICT: Learning to use art software

Art: Investigating the link between art and nature

D.T: Books with moving parts

PSHE: Resilience

P.E.: Gymnastics