



Year 2 Newsletter

Autumn 1—2023/2024



Notices and Reminders

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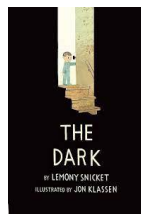
- Five reads are completed at home as a priority for home learning;
- Water bottles only contain water;
- Jumpers and cardigans are clearly labelled;
- Earrings are covered with plasters for PE (we are not allowed to do this for the children);
- Long hair is tied back.

Reading

This term we will be reading 'The Secret Garden' by Frances Hodgson Burnett.

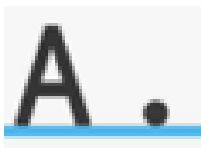
We will be focussing on reading with fluency and understanding vocabulary.

Our class read will be 'The Dark' by Lemony Snicket.



Writing

In English this term, we will be learning how to retell and write our own versions of the story 'Sidney Stella and the Moon' We will also write a non-fiction piece of text titled 'Dragons'. The children will practice when to use capital letters and full stops and apply this to their writing.



Key dates

Mon 9th October - 9am Asthma/wheeze drop in morning in the main hall run by paediatric respiratory nurses from Frimley

Weds 11th October - school photos

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Sat 14th October - Farnham Park Cross Country Race

Tues 17th October 3:50pm-7:30pm - Parents Evening in the Main Hall

Wednesday 18th October - Kindness Rocks Project – PSHE & art project for Year 2 in school.

Thurs 19th October 3:50pm-5:30pm - Parents Evening in the Main Hall

Thurs 19th October 7:30pm - PTA AGM location to be confirmed

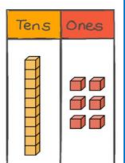
Fri 20th October - topic learning exhibition in classrooms straight after school

OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAYS - 23rd to 27th October

Mon 4th December 9am - Rocksteady concert for parents of children who have Rocksteady lessons

Maths

Year 2 will recognise the place value of each digit in two-digit numbers (tens/ones). We will count in steps of 2, 3 and 5 from 0, and in tens from any number, forward and backward and will start to identify and estimate where numbers are placed on a number line. We will also read and write numbers to 100 in numerals/words, and compare them using the $<$, $>$ and $=$ signs. We will then start on the addition and subtraction unit which will continue into the following term.



Science

In Science this half term, our topic is animals, including humans. We will focus on the life cycles of animals and humans. We will find out about the basic needs of animals and humans, and we will describe the importance for humans to exercise, eat the right amounts of different types of food, and have personal hygiene.



History

This term we think like historians, discovering what life was like in the Victorian Era. We will be learning about Queen Victoria, the Industrial Revolution, inventors, and their inventions, and what life was like for children during this time in history.



Art

Our art unit this term is about drawing in the style of Pablo Picasso. We are learning to draw using pencil and developing lots of different skills including shading and hatching. The students will learn about the artwork of Pablo Picasso and Cubism before creating their own portraits inspired by what they have learned.



PE

This term in Year 2 our focus in PE is on Invasion Games, working specifically on developing our football skills. We will explore dribbling, turning in different directions as well as learning how to lose an opponent and create space to score a goal!



RE

This half term in RE, we will be looking at why Christians celebrate Christmas. We will be learning about the Nativity. We will look at the similarities and differences of Matthew and Luke's account of The Nativity and what the key differences are. We will look at who Mary and Joseph were, who visited the manger and why Mary and Joseph took Jesus to Egypt.



PSHE

PSHE will focus on children recognising that they all have similarities and differences. We will explore their interests, inside and outside of school, touch on mental health and then explore physical differences -for example- height and hair colour; before finishing the term on their different personality traits.



Homework

Please see details on Seesaw and in home learning books. The home learning activities link closely to the topics and the texts that we are using in class. Please complete one or more, as time allows for your individual circumstance. Please send your work in either via Seesaw or in your home learning book, depending on the task/s that you complete. We are looking forward to seeing your wonderful learning! Weekly maths or English will also be sent home.
Most importantly, remember your five reads!

Suggested books for reading

- 'The Secret Garden' by Frances Hodgson Burnett (Ladybird Classics edition).
- 'Ladybird Histories: Victorians'.
- 'Life Cycles: Everything from Start to Finish' (DK Life Cycles), illustrated by Sam Falconer.
- 'Pablo Picasso' by Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara (part of the 'Little People, BIG DREAMS' series).
- 'The Christmas Story' by Ian Beck.