



WELCOME BACK PARROTS!

Term 4 2023

Newsletter

Welcome back to the fourth term in Year 2! We hope you have all had a enjoyable half term break together and are feeling ready for the new chapter that awaits us. The new term brings lots more learning and exciting opportunities for children in Parrots. We're looking forward to settling back into our daily routines and continuing our learning journey in class.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child or something which has happened in school, please do not hesitate to talk with one of us after school.

Many thanks,
Year 2 team

This terms topic for the school is 'Travel'.

We will be learning all about two very famous men who made very brave and brilliant journeys to somewhere new. Firstly, we will study Christopher Columbus and find out how he changed the way people saw the world, and then we will move on to learn about Neil Armstrong and his epic journey to the moon! After we have learnt about them both and the impact they had, we will then compare the two and see if we can see any similarities and differences between them. Finally, we will have a class debate and discuss which one of them we think was the bravest and why!

PSHE

This term's PSHE focus is titled 'Healthy Me'. Across the school, the children will be learning about maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Their lessons will focus on exercising, food choices and electronic device use but also touches on subjects such as smoking, alcohol and drug use. We understand that some of these areas can be delicate subjects to address however they will be taught and discussed with respect. Should you have any questions or queries about the PSHE curriculum please come and speak to us.

We are also lucky to have coaches from Team Theme delivering our PE lessons and Mrs Rogers delivering the computing curriculum.

SATS

In Term 5 all Year 2 children take an assessment, to assess their current attainment in English, Reading and Maths. Whilst these tests are still a few months away, we will be conducting some practice papers with the children in lessons, so that they are more prepared for the assessments when they happen. We have already shown the children some examples of these papers and occasionally they previous questions in lessons, so they have seen and tackled some of the types of questions they will be faced with already. These tests will be completed in as stress-free an environment as possible with the only expectation being that they do their best. If you notice your child is experiencing any anxiety around these tests or if you yourself have any questions about them, please let us know.

Important Dates:

World Book day
Thursday 7th March

End of Term 4:
Thursday 28th
March

Start of Term 5:
Monday 15th
April

End of Term 5:
Thursday 23rd May

INSET day
Friday 24th May

Seesaw

It is good to see so many of you on Seesaw. Please don't forget that you can comment on your child's work. If you are still not accessing Seesaw please come and let us know.



Parrots will have PE on Fridays. Please remember to send your child to school in their Phoenix PE kit on this day. This includes their school jumper. Please make sure all clothes that come to school are named.



Home Learning

Home learning will continue to be set on Friday on Seesaw. The children will have the same expectations weekly which are:

- Daily doodle maths for 10 minutes or more
- Daily Spelling Shed for 10 minutes or more, and
- A written piece which will mirror the learning in class for the week.

Books will be given for the written work and we would like these to come back by Tuesday so that they can be looked at by a member of staff. Thank you.

Reading

We will continue with AR reading and routines established over the past few terms. Children get their books changed on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. They get given two books which is enough to get them through to the next time the books are changed. Books need to be in school **every day** and the children are encouraged to be a little more independent in getting them out of their bags. Please ensure that your child has their reading folder in their bookbag each day before coming to school.