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Spring 2 Newsletter

Year 2

Dear Year 2 Parents and Guardians,

We have made a fantastic start to the new term, and the children seemed so excited to be back after the last short break. Please see below an outline of learning this term.

Maths

In Maths, we have spent a week learning about measuring length and height, and are just now moving on to measuring mass, capacity, and temperature. Towards the end of the half term, we will begin learning about fractions.

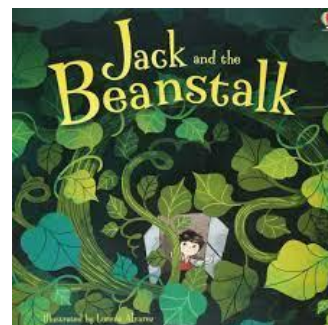
We are attaching White Rose workbooks for measuring length and height, and another around more general measuring, if you would like to do these as home learning. We also attach the workbook on fractions but would ask you to leave this until later in the term, to coincide with us reaching that topic in the classroom.

We hope everyone is continuing with Times Table Rockstars. And don't forget to try the One-Minute Maths app made by White Rose, if you haven't already. It is free to download:

<https://whiteroseeducation.com/1-minute-maths>

Literacy

In writing, we continue with the theme of traditional stories and fairytales. Last week, for instance, we wrote diary entries from the point of view of Jack from Jack and the Beanstalk. In weeks four and five of the half term the children will be inventing and writing their own fairy tale inspired stories. This week we are recounting last Friday's trip to the Old Royal Naval College. In week three, to coincide with World Book Day, the whole school are focused on poetry, and the Year Twos will be writing their own poems on a mystery theme.



World Book Day will be Thursday 7th of March. We invite the children to dress up on that day, as their favourite characters. There are sure to be lots of fantastic costumes, and a huge amount of book-talk!

This week, Wednesday 28th of February, we have another book fair (KS2 children on Thursday 29th). The children will have a chance to pick up a special World Book Day book, using the special £1 book tokens. Children are also welcome to bring some money and buy a book, as usual, from Eddie of Jubilee Book.

As usual, we will continue to send Year 2 Spelling lists home via email, so please look out for those.

Science

In Science, we are learning all about plants. In the Autumn term, children planted daffodil bulbs and the children are excited to watch them grow and develop. We have planted broad bean seeds and will be learning about the parts of a plant and what plants need to grow and thrive.

Wider Curriculum

In Geography this term, we are learning about Rivers, with a focus on River Thames. In DT, we are researching, designing, and creating our own bird feeders, using recycled materials. In PSHE, we are learning about community helpers and safety. In RE, children will be learning about Christianity and the local church. In Spanish, children will be reviewing their learning about the days of the week and months of the year through songs and games. In PE we are concentrating on ball skills, either working independently or with a partner.

Cutty Sark + Maritime Museum Trip

We have arranged to visit both the Cutty Sark and Maritime Museum on March 22nd. This is another fantastic opportunity to enrich our learning, especially relating to maritime history, and the connection between Greenwich and the oceans. Please let us know if you will be able to accompany your child's class for the day.

All the best to you and your families,

Miss Hills and Mr Clayton