



Rothersthorpe Church of England Primary School

Class 2 Newsletter Spring Term 1 2018

English

Our first unit is recounts using Farmer Duck as the main text. This will be followed by Stories from Other Cultures and Poetry. We will continue with weekly spellings -this is based on the weekly phonics sounds and the key words for the year group. We will continue with guided reading every morning which is a carousel of activities based around a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts. Individual reading books will continue to be changed regularly and we urge you to continue to read with your child at home please.

Maths

The children will be identifying properties of numbers, comparing using $<$ and $>$, using number bonds, counting in steps, sequencing and Year 2 will also learn about rounding numbers. Adding and subtracting will focus on using 3 or more numbers, including 2-digit numbers. The children will measure and compare weights. We will also go over telling the time: Year 1 to the hour or half hour, Year 2 to the quarters, please help your child with this too! We will begin to relate multiplication to division, doubling and halving and rehearse counting in multiples of 2, 5 and 10. Year 2 will find fractions of amounts, including thirds.



Integrated Curriculum Theme: Seas and Oceans

Science

Year 1 & 2- classifying materials/properties of materials. We will be investigating materials their uses, by planning and carrying out a fair test.

History/Geography

Seas and Oceans - locating the main seas and oceans on a map & looking at ocean life.
Term 2 - Charles Darwin and the Galapagos Islands.

ICT

Coding lessons - understanding that when a computer does something it is following 'code', representing objects and actions.



RE

Places in Christianity.



Music-

Ten Pieces- BBC DVD- 10 pieces of classical music for children. Also using percussion as an accompaniment.



PE

Gymnastics
Dance- Strictly Event



Art/DT

Based around our Seas and Oceans topic.



PHSE

Jigsaw unit - Celebrating difference
Class/School Councils.
Circle time



Trips / Visitors / Special Events

Strictly Tea Dance - 28th February

Class Information

Thank you!

A huge thank you for your generous Christmas gifts and wishes, they were much appreciated. We hope you all had a super family Christmas time and wish you all the very best for 2018. Happy New Year everyone from the Class 2 team!

A message from Mrs D'Costa

Thank you so much for the card and beautiful vase of flowers. They smelt gorgeous and looked so festive. I really appreciate your thoughts and good wishes, thank you. I felt so sad to miss out on all the fun at school, especially at Christmas time. I hope you all had a very special Christmas and wonderful new year. Thank you again, Mrs D'Costa.



Homework

Reading

Thank you for your ongoing support with your child's reading. We will continue to listen to and support your child with reading *at least* once a week with an adult, plus a session per week as Guided Reading (GR) in a small group with either Mrs Gibbon or Miss Munday.

Reminders:

Please sign and date your child's Reading Diary whenever you hear them read at home, a comment is also most welcome but not essential. We hope you like the new reading diary and the activities inside which help support our child.

When reading any text it is beneficial to ask your child questions about what they have read in order to check their understanding and also encourage them to ask questions and discuss what they have found out or found interesting/funny/surprising/noteworthy etc.

Spellings

As part of the new National Curriculum improving spelling is a priority. Please continue to support your child with applying their phonic skills in reading and writing. **Wednesday** remains the day for testing your child on spelling in school but we are always encouraging them to make phonic attempts when writing and teaching spelling patterns in Phonics sessions.

Homework Activity

A weekly homework task, linked to our curriculum theme, Literacy, Science or Numeracy, will still be brought home each **Friday**. We hope these are self-explanatory and enjoyable for you to complete with your child. The aim of these activities is to support your child's learning in school, please encourage them to complete their work independently but obviously support them where needed. We are always available to answer any queries you may have. Please ensure your child completes the weekly activity and returns their Homework Book by the following **Wednesday**. Thank you.