



Year 2 Spring Term News 2024

Dear Year 2 parents and carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to Year 2! I hope you all had a happy Christmas break.

Our main topic this term will be **Africa**.

Here is an overview of our subject focuses for the term:

PHSE - We are continuing to use the JIGSAW PSHE scheme. This half term the children are learning about 'Dreams and Goals' and after the half term holiday we will be learning about 'Healthy Me'.

English - In Literacy we will be focussing on spellings and Essential Letters and Sounds. This teaches the children how to use their sounds to help them to read and spell.

The children will experience a wide range of writing and reading opportunities across a range of curriculum areas. Our Text Drivers will be: Little Red Riding Hood by Lari Don (wanted poster), Beast Feast by Emma Yarlett (information book about different types of beasts), The Little Wooden Robot and the Log Princess by Tom Gauld and Beeju by Alexis Deacon (narrative- recount), The children will have reading sessions every day. If you have any questions about helping your child with reading at home, please let us know.

Maths - In Maths we will be looking at, Multiplication and Division of 2,5 and 10, Length, Mass Temperature and Pictograms, alongside weekly journaling and fluency lessons. Upon learning new skills our focus will be on how to use and apply these skills in other contexts.

Science - In Science we will be looking at 'All living things in their habitats'. We will look at what different plants and animals need in order to survive.

Physical Education - Year 2 have PE on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Children should come to school dressed in their tracksuits on these days. The children will continue to work with our PE coaches.

Computing - Year 2 will be learning how to use the internet for research using search engines. We will also be looking at creating Media, digital music and digital photography.

Art, Design and Technology - In Art we will be focusing on printing and 3D art which will link to our topic on Africa. The children will explore, design and create an African inspired printing tile. They will also be making African inspired clay pots.

History and Geography - This term the theme of our Topic is 'Africa'. This will provide us with the opportunity to study geographical similarities and differences between Jersey and specific areas of Africa and learn about Nelson Mandela. We are hoping to do a couple of school trips to support our learning subject.

Religious Education - This term in RE we will be focusing on Islam. We will be researching the question 'Who is a Muslim and how do they live?'

We will also be looking at Easter and focusing in particular on the resurrection and the key question will be 'Why Does Easter Matter to Christians?'

Home - Learning

In Year 2 homework consists of:

Reading

Reading Every Day: Set aside a specific time each day for reading. Consistency is essential in developing good reading habits. Please allocate at least 15/20 minutes of uninterrupted time for reading.

Listening and Commenting: While your child reads, actively listen and offer support when needed. Encourage them to sound out unfamiliar words, discuss the story, and ask questions. In the reading log, please make a comment about their reading, highlighting any challenges or achievements you observed.

Reading Log: Your child should bring their reading log to school every day. Please ensure that whoever reads with your child records their reading in the log. This will help us monitor their progress and provide appropriate guidance based on their individual needs.

Library Book: The books borrowed from the school library should be treated with care. Remind your child to handle them responsibly and return them to school on a Friday. The children can borrow up to 3 books.

Spellings - weekly (Spelling test on a Friday).

New spellings will be issued each week. We have looked at the spelling sheet together in class and I have explained to the children to look at the word, cover it over, write the word and check it. Spelling sheets do not need to be returned to school. Practice at home makes a huge difference so thank you for your support with this.

Times tables - The children learn the 2x, 10x and 5x tables in Year 2. We have a times table test each Friday to measure the children's progress. Any practice you can do at home using Times Tables Rock Star is extremely helpful.

Other - Name Labels - Please ensure that coats, jumpers, cardigans, PE tops, book bags and lunch boxes are all clearly labelled ~ Thank you

Water and Snacks - Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school and a piece of fruit for morning snack each day.

If you have any questions or worries, you can always catch us for a chat after school or email me: m.mihai@grandsvaux.sch.je

Kind Regards
Mrs Mihai

