

Year 2 Newsletter Spring 2021

Welcome back to the 4th term of year 2! We cannot wait to invite you all back into school on Monday 8 March. All of you have made such a fantastic effort since lockdown – we are very proud of everyone. Whether at school or home, the work you have produced has been great and very impressive. We would like to thank you very much for the support you have shown through this lockdown and how you have adapted so successfully to home learning – it has been wonderful to see how everyone has really engaged with the lessons in whatever format. As ever, if you have any queries please do not hesitate to ask on the gate, through the class email or via a note in the planner.

ENGLISH

This term we will be reading the books *The Hodgeheg* and *Paper Bag Princess*. We will use these books as part of Guided Reading and English lessons. Alongside our class books we will be continuing with our SPAG lessons.

When reading with your child you could discuss any areas which you and your child particularly enjoyed within a book. Some questions you could ask: what are the characters thinking/feeling? How do you know?

Books will be changed regularly and the phonics book will be changed weekly on a Tuesday.

Key vocabulary:

Adjectives letter formation question marks
nouns full stops capital letters finger
spaces sentence types exclamation marks

Mathematics

This term, we will continue looking at the number system and in particular focus on shape and geometry.

We will continue with Mathematics and White Rose Maths in lessons and for homework.

Times tables (2s, 5s, 10s and 3s) will also be a key focus throughout the year and you can help your child by practising these with them too.

Key vocabulary:

tens ones digit more less
add plus subtract minus
vertices edges faces



SCIENCE

In science, our topics this term will be 'Squash, Bend Twist and Stretch'. This will continue with the work we carried out on materials last half term.

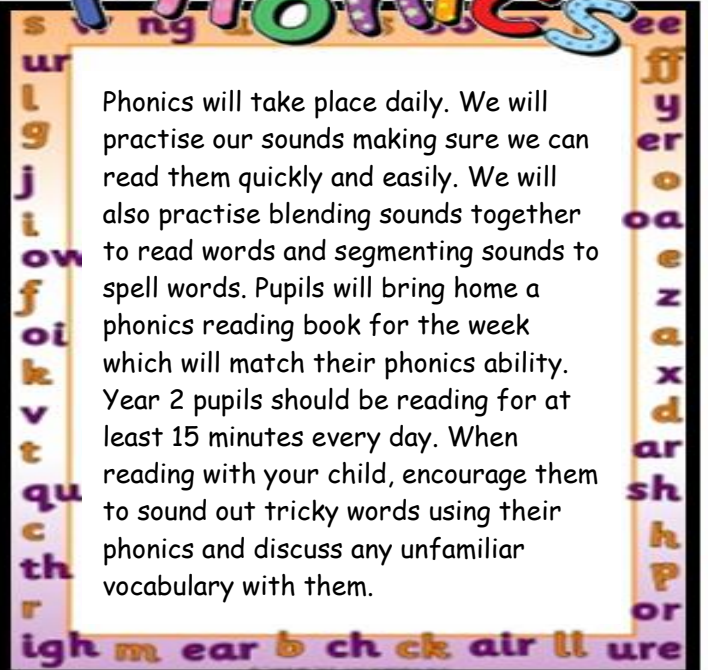
Key vocabulary:

Rigid Squash Bend
Twist Stretch Squeeze
Permanent Reversible
Transparent Opaque



Phonics

Phonics will take place daily. We will practise our sounds making sure we can read them quickly and easily. We will also practise blending sounds together to read words and segmenting sounds to spell words. Pupils will bring home a phonics reading book for the week which will match their phonics ability. Year 2 pupils should be reading for at least 15 minutes every day. When reading with your child, encourage them to sound out tricky words using their phonics and discuss any unfamiliar vocabulary with them.

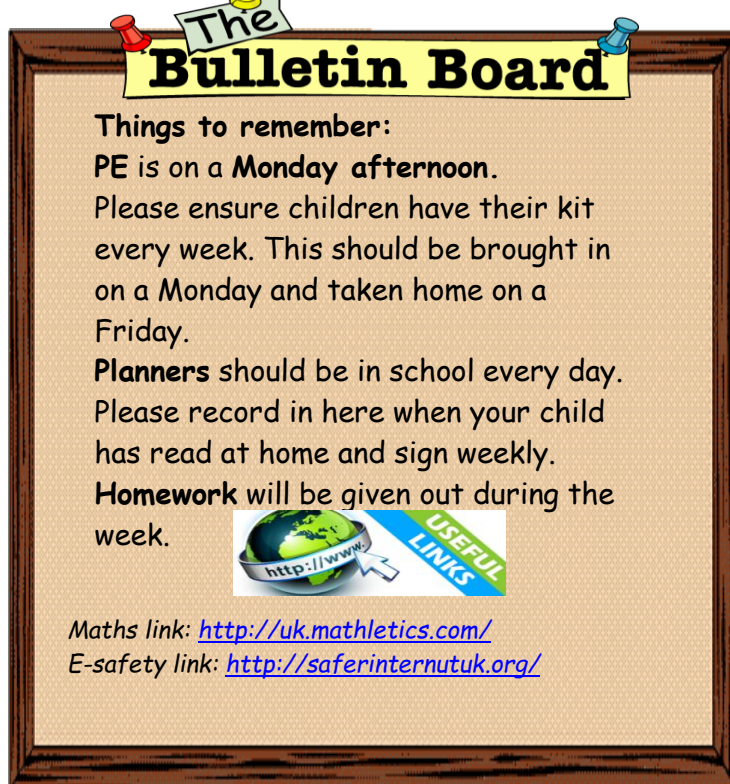




Other Curriculum Areas


PE - This term, we will be continuing to carry out a variety of activities both inside and outside - please can children bring in their PE kit on a Monday and they will then take it back home on Friday.

PSHE - This half term we will be focusing on pupils' wellbeing after returning to school following the lockdown.

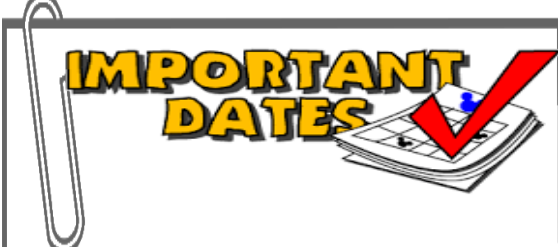


The Bulletin Board

Things to remember:
PE is on a **Monday** afternoon.
 Please ensure children have their kit every week. This should be brought in on a Monday and taken home on a Friday.
Planners should be in school every day. Please record in here when your child has read at home and sign weekly.
Homework will be given out during the week.

 **USEFUL LINKS**

Maths link: <http://uk.mathletics.com/>
 E-safety link: <http://saferinternutuk.org/>



IMPORTANT DATES

Parents' Evenings for Reception to Year 5 will be 26, 27, 28 April.
 (Further info to follow)

Thurs 1 April - School closes

Mon 12 April - Staff INSET day

Tues 13 April - School opens to pupils

RE

This half term we will be looking at lent and also focusing on the story of Noah's Ark. RE is a very important subject at Trinity Academy St Chad's and we will continue holding regular worship sessions which will include a prayer and meditation in our bubble.



Magnificent Monarchs

This term we will be looking at Monarchs throughout history. We will be focusing on chronological order, the different levels of power and influence they had and how long they reigned for.

Uniform - We will be continuing in winter uniform - this needs to follow the Academy's uniform policy and worn correctly.