

Year 2 – Term 4 – Newsletter

Reading Books

From March onwards, Year 2 children will bring home three books a week: **two** phonics books from the Read, Write Inc. phonics scheme (matched to their phonics level) and a library book.

These books will be changed **once a week**, normally on a Thursday. Please remember that these books are to be read more than once as this helps the children build their fluency.

Please note, the phonics books the children bring home do not use the same colour bands as those used previously.

The children who have finished the phonics programme will move on to Accelerated Reader, this will be launched in school in the next few weeks. For now, these children will continue to change their reading book as normal but will also bring home a library book each week.



This term, our English lessons will be based around the book 'Fantastic Mr Fox' by Roald Dahl. We will be writing a non-chronological report, a poem and an adventure story.

Key vocabulary:

adjectives	letter formation	question marks
punctuation	full stops	nouns
capital letters	finger spaces	
verbs	poems	

Mathematics

This term, we will continue our multiplication and division topic.

Times tables (2s, 5s, 10s and 3s) will be a key focus this half term and you can help your child by practising these regularly.

Key vocabulary: tens ones digit
more less add subtract multiply
groups of lots of divide
share



Phonics

Phonics sessions will take place twice daily. In Session 1, we will practise our speed sounds, blending the sounds to read words and segmenting them to spell words.

Session 2 will centre around a storybook. The children will read with a partner, answer questions about the book and write sentences related to the book. This storybook is one of the phonics books that children will bring home each week.

SCIENCE

In science, our topic this term will be 'Animals including humans'. We will begin by learning about what humans need to survive and stay healthy as well as looking at the human life cycle.

Key vocabulary:

senses	sight	smell
hearing	touch	taste
texture		
healthy	hygiene	
life cycle	baby	
toddler	child	
teenager	adult	





Other Curriculum Areas

Geography – This term, we will be learning about the Gobi Desert.

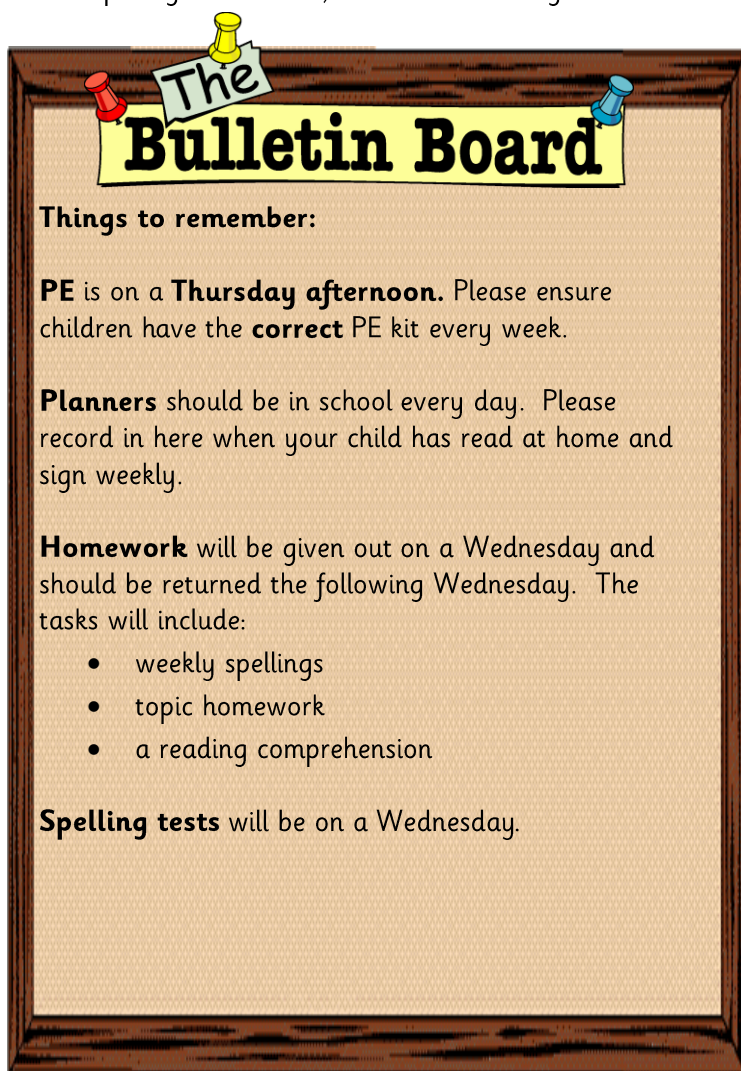
RE – This term, we will explore the question: Why does Easter matter to Christians?

Art – This term, we will practise our sculpture skills using clay.

PE – This term, we will be practising our passing and receiving skills and using these skills to play football.

PSHE – This term, we will explore the question: What makes me 'me'?

Computing – This term, we will be learning about how we can use the internet to research topics.



The Bulletin Board

Things to remember:

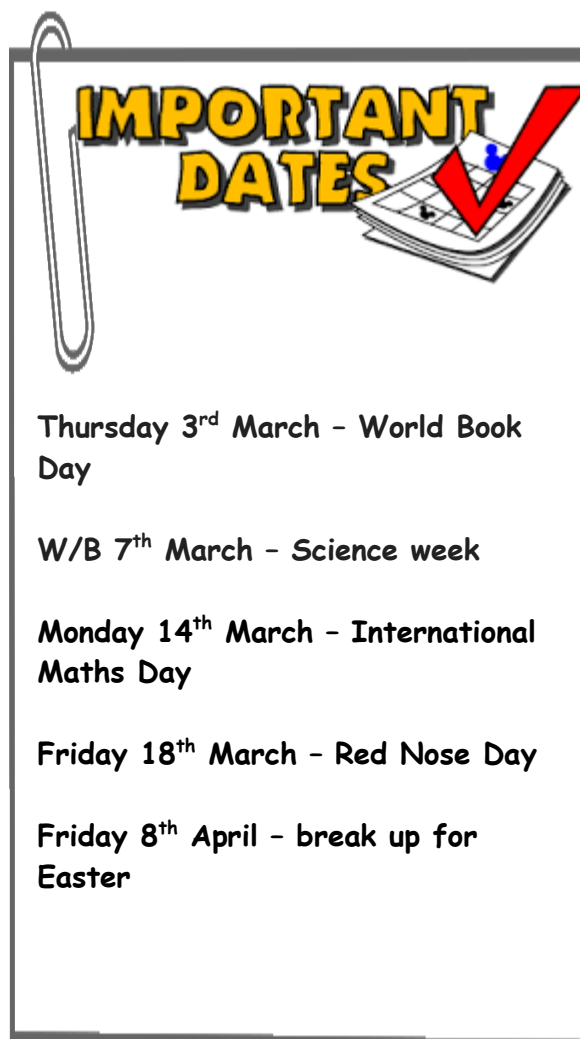
PE is on a **Thursday afternoon**. Please ensure children have the **correct** PE kit every week.

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 on a Wednesday and should be returned the following Wednesday. The tasks will include:

- weekly spellings
- topic homework
- a reading comprehension

Spelling tests will be on a Wednesday.



IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 3rd March - World Book Day

W/B 7th March - Science week

Monday 14th March - International Maths Day

Friday 18th March - Red Nose Day

Friday 8th April - break up for Easter