

Week beginning: 01.01.24



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and return well rested and ready to go for the spring term.

English - In English this week we will be focussing on the text, *Little Rabbit Foo Foo* by Michael Rosen. The children will be introduced to the text using the title, illustrations on the front cover and the blurb. They will be using this to make informed predictions about the type of text and what might happen in the story. With this in mind, if your child hasn't already read this text and you intend to share the story at home, please could you wait until after the first day back at school - thank you! As the week progresses, the children will be reading and responding to the story, sharing their likes and dislikes and exploring patterns and puzzles within the text. As a class, we will be creating a story text map to enable the children to retell and internalise the plot and use actions to help us. We will also be looking closely at the author's use of vocabulary and its meaning.

At home you could encourage your child to read and respond to stories they read at home and make predictions before and during reading. They could also share what they like and dislike about the text as well as commenting on any patterns in language that they may be able to identify.

Maths - In maths the children will be learning about 2D and 3D shapes. We will begin by differentiating between 2D and 3D shapes and recognising and naming them e.g. circle, rectangle, square, sphere, cone etc. We will then invite the children to draw and make examples of 2D shapes in different ways and describe them using their properties (sides and vertices). We will also be creating our own shape pictures using a selection of 2D shapes and labelling them.

At home you could challenge your child to name and identify 2D and 3D shapes in their own environment. Can they comment on their properties? e.g. 3D shapes - edges, vertices, faces 2D shapes - sides, vertices

History - We will be beginning our new focus in history and beginning our learning about Florence Nightingale. We will start by learning to retrieve information from a range of sources to gain an understanding of Florence as a significant figure in history. We will be looking at pictorial sources and finding out what the children already know, what they can deduce from the sources, and what they would like to find out about her.

PSHE - In PSHE we will be beginning our topic on Dreams and Goals this week. The children will be thinking about a goal / wish they want to set themselves in school and considering what they will need to help them to achieve it.

Spellings - This week we will be reviewing the common exception words for Year 2. Please see attached word mat for reference and additional spelling practice.

Reading - Please read with your child every night for 10 minutes and ask them questions about the book. Books will continue to be changed by the children on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Multi-Sports will continue to be on a Friday morning for Year 2

Calling all Dads!...

We are hoping to set up a Boys Reading Club in the new year lead by one of our amazing Manby Dads. Ideally this would be at the beginning or end of a lunchtime and last for 20 minutes, but there is flexibility in terms of timings. It would involve sharing and reading books together in the Library to help promote a love of reading. Please speak to your child's class teacher or contact us via the Office if you might be interested during the first week back. We look forward to hearing from you. 😊

Key Dates:

Tuesday 2nd January - INSET day (no children at school)

Wednesday 3rd January - Children return to school

W/C 8th January - Multi-Sports sessions recommence

Tuesday 9th January - Flo on the Road workshop - in school

If you have any questions or concerns, regarding your child, please see your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Year 2 Team 😊