

Kensington Class Newsletter

Spring Term 2022

Happy New Year! 2022 is going to be a super year for Year 2 and we have lots of exciting learning to look forward to in Kensington Class.

English – Reading & Phonics

In Year 2 the children will continue to follow the school reading scheme to make progress through their level at their own pace. The expectation in Year 2 is for children to read at home at least 3 times in the week and record this in their Reading Diaries. This reading is recorded and rewarded in school using our 'Bee A Reader' initiative. Reading recorded:

1 time = 1 house point 3 times = 2 house points 5 times = 3 house points

This term our class reader will be Mary Poppins.

Monster Phonics:

This half term the children will be covering the graphemes; w-a (o) and w-or (er), w-ar and s (zsh) grapheme, ti (sh) and i grapheme, consonant suffixes ment, ness, ful, less and ly, possessive apostrophes

We will also recap on all previous graphemes taught through the term.

English – Writing, handwriting, grammar, punctuation, and spelling

We follow the National Curriculum for the delivery of skills in writing, grammar, punctuation and spelling. The books that we will explore this term will allow opportunities to learn and rehearse these skills. During the first half term we will enjoy our whole school unit based on Shakespeare's play – 'Much Ado About Nothing'. We will also explore the work of Lauren Child – our year 2 author study.

In the second half term we will dive into our traditional tales unit. We will explore familiar characters, settings and examine the well-known plots and alternative versions. We will develop character description, identify with character's emotions through diary and letter writing.

The children will begin to compare stories with a similar theme and recognise familiar characters. The children will continue to question what they know about the familiar characters and use their developing inference skills to find out more. Weekly spellings will continue to be linked to the Monster Phonics Programme. Expectation in handwriting this term is that children are beginning to join in their written work.



Maths

Following the White Rose scheme of work Year 2 will focus on the following units during the Spring term:

Number - Multiplication and Division. Statistics. Geometry- Properties of Shape Number - Fractions

To support your child at home please continue to; practice number bonds to 100 e.g. any given number and its partner to 100 - $72+28 = 100$, count in 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s, recognise and count coins and notes.

Science

Living things and their habitats:

In this unit children will learn about a variety of habitats and the plants and animals that live there. They learn to tell the difference between things that are living, dead and things that have never been alive, and apply this in a range of contexts. They make observations of a local habitat and the creatures that live there, investigating conditions in local microhabitats and how they affect the minibeasts found within them.

Plants:

In this unit the children will explore the local environment to observe how different plants grow. They will be introduced to the requirements of plants for germination, growth and survival, as well as to the processes of reproduction and growth in plants. The children will work scientifically by observing and recording the growth of a variety of plants as they change over time from a seed or bulb and understand that plants need light and water to stay healthy.

Other Curriculum Subjects

History: Our Famous Friends

In history for the first part of the Spring term we will be learning about significant individuals from British history who have impacted on our lives today. Within this work we will also include aspects of responsibility, equality and generosity as part of SMSC - spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.



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History and Geography – Why Did Elephants Live In Leamington?

In the second half of the Spring term, we learn about Queen Victoria and why elephants lived in Leamington Spa.



As geographers we will identify human and physical features of Leamington Spa, describe locations and routes on a map, create maps with a key and use aerial photographs.

RE: In line with the Warwickshire syllabus, we will learn – Spring Term 1 -Who is Jewish and what do they believe? Spring Term 2- How and why do we celebrate special and sacred times? (*Jewish, Christian and Muslim festival focus*) - Passover, Sukkot, Pesach, Ramadan and Eid-ul-Fitr.

PSHE: The children will have the opportunity within circle time and class activity to discuss the two topics **Dreams and Goals and Healthy Me**

PE: PE is on a Monday and Friday afternoon.

Monday- Football Gymnastics

Friday – Multi-sports Hockey

Please ensure your child has their full kit in school for these days. White T-shirt, PE shorts and trainers

Art & Design: Our Famous Friends

The children will develop their drawing skills drawing real objects, including single and grouped objects with the visual elements; line and shape. They will explore the artwork and style of Picasso, Seurat and Van Gough

Design & Technology: Design and make a healthy meal

Computing: Creating Pictures Databases

Through this unit children will be introduced to making art digitally using 2Paint a Picture and how to complete databases

Homework

Expectation in Year 2 is that all children read and record their reading from their school banded book and practice their weekly spellings often in readiness for their weekly test. Times table focus for this half term are x2, x5 and x10.