



Year Two News

Welcome back!

Welcome back and a very Happy New Year to you all. I hope you have had magical Christmas times with your families. This newsletter will give you some key information about the term ahead.

We will be learning about people who have made a difference in our world. Our learning will continue to be a mixture of small group work, paired and individual as well as teacher guided focus groups. Through continuous provision we will be able to practice our skills and apply them in different contexts to maximise our learning opportunities.

If you have any questions regarding the information in this newsletter, or other more general queries, please don't hesitate to talk to us.

Thank you,

The Year Twos Team

*Happy
New Year
2024*

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Important updates

Please remember school begins at 8.45am. This is when children begin their learning. The Year 2 hall door will be shut and the playground gate locked at 8.55am to safeguard all our children.

Don't forget to book your school lunches for the term on the Schools Food United app. 

Please name ALL uniform to ensure it gets back to its owner. Thank you!

We continue to celebrate the countries we are from, our different cultures and languages that we can speak. Please let us know if your family have any celebrations this term you would like to come in and share with us.

Term dates

- Tuesday 2nd January 2024 - INSET Day
- Wednesday 3rd January 2024 - First day of term 3
- Friday 9th February 2024 - Year 1 Class Assembly - 2.30pm
- Friday 9th February 2024 - End of term 3

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Term overview



We will be learning about people who have made a difference to our world. In History this includes Mary Anning and in Science we will be learning about different scientists who have created new materials such as Tarmac and rubber. We will also be continuing to learn about materials and see how they can be changed.



Humanities

In History, we will be learning:

- about the Victorian, Mary Anning and why she is considered a significant individual.
- how her discoveries have steered the science of palaeontology.
- the obstacles she had to overcome.

Art/ DT

In DT, we will be learning to:

- Making planters to encourage bees and other pollinators onto our school grounds,
- research what planters look like, where they should be placed and what plants to grow in them.
- Designing and making planters from wood and/or other materials

RE/ PSHE

In RE, we will be learning about:
What do Christians think about God.

In PSHE, we will be learning all about

- How we recognise and manage our feelings.

Who has made a difference to our world?

Maths

We will be learning:

- Measurement - Money and Length, Height,
- Ordering and comparing
- Solving problems using addition and subtraction
- Multiplication and Division strategies and methods

PE

We will be learning to:

- control a ball with our feet - dribbling, passing and stopping,
- increasing our skill and ability to throw and catch using different throws and different size and type of ball
- using these skills in small sided games.

Science

We will be learning to:

- identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for different purposes.
- find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.

Literacy

We will be learning to:

- Distinguish between fact and fiction.
- Use our knowledge of sentences to construct descriptions, non-chronological reports.
- Retelling events of the past in different forms such as letters, biography.

Year 2 Term 3



**I AM STRONG
I AM CAPABLE
I AM RESILIENT**

This term our enquiry question is:
Who has made a difference to our world?

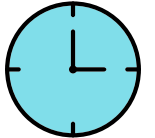
Our value for the term is RESILIENCE.



Reading



Rave about Reading!

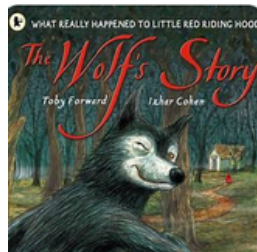
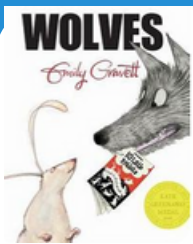


Every class at 3pm has an opportunity to 'Rave about Reading'! This is when children get to share stories, discuss their favourite books, make recommendations for friends and vote for the book they want to read next!

Book change days

Please ensure **both books** are in your child's book bags for **Monday** to be collected in. Your children will bring a new sharing book on **Monday** and a new phonics book on **Thursday**.

Please ensure they are returned. If not, we can't give new ones to everyone as we have limited numbers of books.



This term our focus books will be...

Mary Anning by Maria Sanchez Vegara

The Ways of the Wolf by Smriti Prasenden-Halls

Wolves by Emily Gravett

The Wolf's story by Toby Forward

Little Red by Bethan Woolvin



How you can help at home

Share books that your children bring home from school. Read any books you have at home. Read recipes, magazines, print in the environment. Let your children see you reading!

Phonics



We will continue learning phonics using Little Wandle which is the phonics and reading scheme at Kingfisher. Children will consolidate their learning ensuring that they know alternative graphemes and can apply them in their writing.

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How you can help at home

Each week we will share a recap of the learning we have covered in phonics. You can work on these at home with your child. Try reading and spelling the words and sentences with each week's phonemes and tricky words.

What you will need...

P.E.

PE will be on a **Friday**. Please send your child to school with their PE kit on. Please remember our PE uniform is a Kingfisher OR white polo shirt, navy/black shorts or trousers and plain trainers or daps. They will be in this all day, so please ensure it is weather appropriate.



Equipment

We will be doing learning outside, especially as part of our DT and Science so please can all children have suitable warm coats, hats and gloves.

Children also need to remember to bring water bottles.

Many children are bringing in fidget type toys- these are really useful for some children but for others they are just a distraction. Please talk to me if you feel your child needs fidgets to help them concentrate, if not please encourage them to leave them at home. Thank you for your support with this.

PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING!

Christian Authenticity

In Collective Worship...

Our collective worship assemblies will now focus on building resilience and Bible stories reflecting this. We will be learning more about Jesus and his disciples.



Child of Hope



We continue to think about and make links with our Kingfisher family in Uganda at the Child of Hope school. We loved watching their Nativity and enjoyed swapping Christmas cards with them. We look forward to seeing what this term brings for our Kingfisher family and theirs.



Kingfisher Community Cupboard

Thank you again for all your kind donations. These were shared with those in need over Christmas. We hope to continue to re-stock this term and provide support to our families and the local community. Please feel free to drop off or collect items .



Safeguarding

Please contact 'Contact Swindon' if you are concerned about a child.

E-mail:

contactswindon@swindon.gov.uk

Telephone: 01793 464646

8.30am to 4.40pm Monday to Thursday

8.30am to 4.00pm Friday

The Emergency Duty Service (EDS) is available outside office hours on

01793 436699

If you think that a child is in immediate danger, please ring 999 and speak to the police.

