



Spring Term 2
 Next Week in Year 2
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Year 2

'Rainforest'

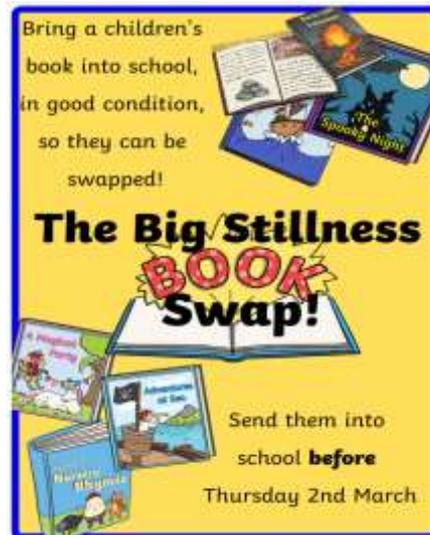
Reminders for this week:

Fairtrade Fortnight 20th February- 3rd March 2023

Sign up for the Chessington Zoo trip please!

Thursday 2th March- World Book Day!

Reminder to bring in any old books that you are would be happy to exchange at the book swap!



Empathy Learning Communication Friendship Appreciation Forgiveness Pride

World Book Day 2023!

Thursday 2nd March

Dress up as a book character that displays one of our school values!

Bring in a book for our annual **Big Book Swap!**

Respect Individuality Perseverance Equality Curiosity

Responsibility Trust Manners Independence Patience Kindness Honesty

Positivity Determination Community Creativity Courage






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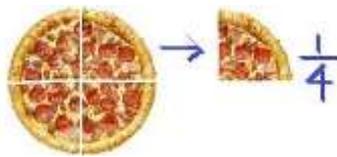
What we will be doing in school

How you can help at home

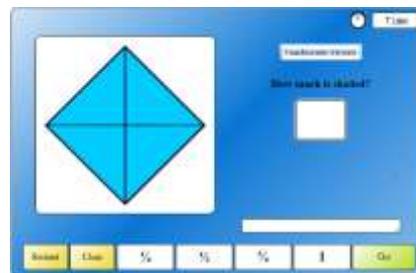
Maths-

This week Year 2 will be continuing with their fraction unit. They will be learning how to find and recognise halves, quarters and thirds of numbers as well as reading them as fractions. They will be working practically and pictorially to work out fractions of numbers and amounts.

You can prepare your child for this lesson by practising what fractions they can see in the world around them. Using food is always a good analogy to explain fractions. You could cut a pizza into equal pieces and discuss with your child what fraction would they like to eat? You could also do this with a piece of fruit and change the amount of pieces. Alternatively, you could ask your child to split their food equally into halves, quarters or thirds. Just remember to use an apron as things could get messy! Have fun!



Have a go playing this game! Can you recognise which fraction of the shape has been shaded? How many parts of the whole are there? How many are coloured in? A great fun way to reinforce fractions.



<http://www.snappymaths.com/counting/fractions/interactive/halfquartersimm/halfquartersimm.htm>

Watch this video to learn a bit more about fractions!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=362JVVvgYPE>



Count out some dry pasta. E.g. 12. Can children use these practically to find $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$ and a $\frac{1}{4}$ of these amounts? Choose different numbers and get the children to count out the pasta pieces first before finding the fraction.



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English



Next week the children will have some exciting and memorable experiences to write about as we celebrate both Fairtrade Fortnight and World Book Day.

On Monday, Zara will be talking to the children about what Fairtrade means and why it is important. We will then be baking Fairtrade Banana Bread using Fairtrade ingredients. Yummy!! The children will then be writing their very own instructions for their banana bread to bring home and share with you.

Cooking or Baking at home!

Why not ask your child to help with the cooking or baking at home this weekend? Ask them to read out the equipment needed, the ingredients, and the recipe. What do they notice about the words being used? Is there anything they notice that helps them with the cooking or baking?

Send in some photos of your delicious creations on Class Dojo or in person! We would love to see them!

Mary Berry eat your heart out!





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Geography

Next week we will be exploring world atlases and globes to find out where the **world's tropical** rainforests are located.

The children will have to use their knowledge of where the hot places are in comparison to the equator in order to highlight where these tropical biomes are!



Using Google Earth, see if the children can find out where these famous tropical rainforests are located. Can they find out the country and the continent?

- Amazon Rainforest
- Congo Rainforest
- Kinabalu National Forest
- Daintree Rainforest
- Santa Elena Cloud Forest Reserve

Science

In Science this term our topic will be Living things and their Habitats.

This week the children will learn how animals change over time and will learn to understand that animals have offspring which grow into adults. They will work as a team to create an animal life cycle information poster.

You can help your child to prepare your child for this lesson by watching the clip below and discussing what you have seen:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0117xbr>



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vDDDwfvVUe4>



Art

The theme for art this term will be Rainforest Art!



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This week the children will be practising how to mix colours together. They will revisit the colour wheels they learned about in Year 1, where they will be reminded about complementary colours plus different shades and tones.



The children will also be analysing the colours used in Amazonian artwork so that they can make an informed choice of the colours they will use when they create their own piece of Rainforest art.

PSHE

In PSHE the children will continue to discover how to maintain their physical and mental health by understanding that the effects that our choices have on our bodies. The children will be learning how to avoid spreading diseases by learning to maintain their own personal hygiene.

Using this information, the children will create their own hygiene poster, just like the one below:



To help prepare your child for this lesson by watching the clip below and look out for anything you already know and any new information.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UxnEuj1cOsw>

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P.E.

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We have two PE sessions.

Turquoise – Monday (Indoor) & Tuesday (Outdoor)

Indigo – Tuesday (Outdoor) & Thursday (indoor)

Amber – Monday (Indoor) & Thursday (outdoor)

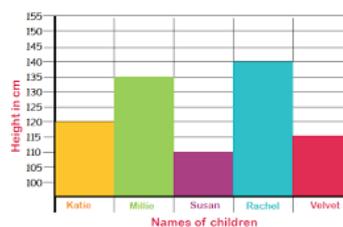
This term the children will be having lessons in **Gymnastics** (Indoor) and **Striking & Fielding** (Outdoor). Please make sure your children have appropriate outdoor shoes and appropriate clothing to wear.



Computing

This week the children will be using the data that they gathered from each other's home learning. The children now have a tally chart of all the continents of the world that are associated with each Year 2 class and will use this information to create online Charts.

For example:



You can prepare your child for this lesson by creating a bar chart at home with your child. Choose a simple topic, such as the colour of cars that travel past your house or you see from the car window as you travel along. Don't forget to create a tally chart first!

Watch the clip below to find out more.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZWvp2TQ428Q>



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Music



This **term's theme** will be to learn how music can help us in their neighbourhood.
They will be finding out how to listen to and appraise different genres of music including pop, orchestral and Jazz by using musical activities such as using composition and singing!



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Spellings for Year 2

These are words that cannot be decoded phonetically. They are called Common exception words but are also known as 'tricky' words.

By the end of Year 2, your children should be able to spell most of these words.

Year 2 Common Exception Words						
after	child	every	half	move	plant	whole
again	children	everybody	hold	Mr	poor	who
any	Christmas	eye	hour	Mrs	pretty	wild
bath	class	fast	improve	old	prove	would
beautiful	climb	father	kind	only	should	
because	clothes	find	last	parents	steak	
behind	could	floor	many	pass	sugar	
both	cold	gold	mind	past	sure	
break	door	grass	money	path	told	
busy	even	great	most	people	water	

The Year 2 team will be sending home 'Words of the Week' to be practised at home, as much as possible, so that your children feel confident to use them in their writing the following week.

Words of the Week: sugar, so, hold, last, full and sure.

Mrs Kelly, Mrs Ferguson and Miss Smith
The Year 2 Team