



Spring Term 2
Next Week in Year 2
W/B 26th February 2024



Year 2

'Rainforest'

Reminders for this week:

Please remember to sign up for the Port Lympne Zoo trip on Parent pay by 1st March 2024!

Thursday 7th March- World Book Day!

Don't forget that the children can come dressed as any book character they like.



What we will be doing in school

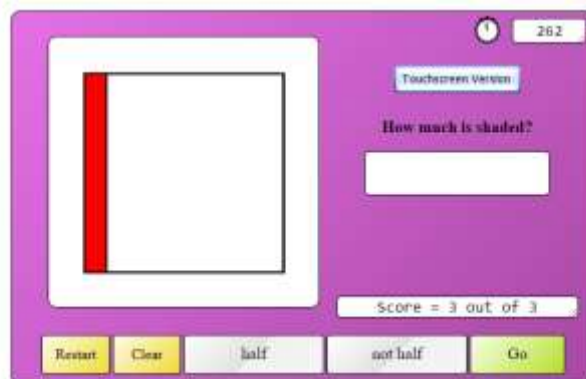
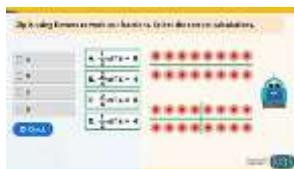
How you can help at home

Maths-

This week Year 2 will be starting their fractions unit. They will learn how to make equal parts of a shape and an amount, recognise half of a shape and how to read it as a fraction.

You can help your child prepare for next week's topic by playing a game of half or not half.

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



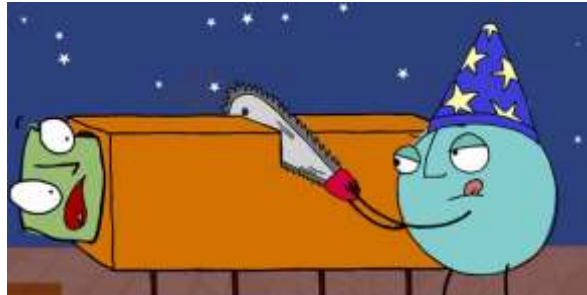
Here are some more useful video clips to help children to understand what fractions are and how to write a fraction.



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Remember, you can watch them as many times as you need- enjoy!

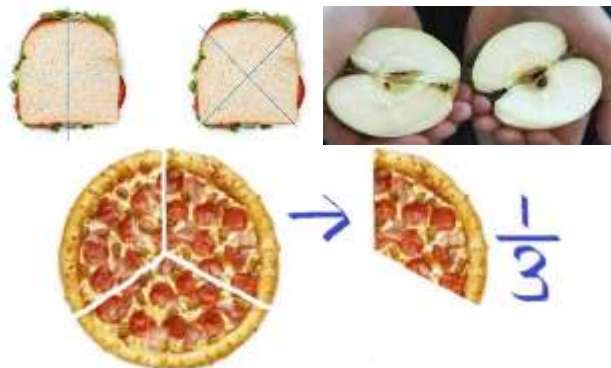


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You can also do some fractions practically cutting up fruits, vegetables, sandwiches. Whenever you are serving food ask your child to help you prepare cutting the food into fractions of differing amounts so they see the correlation of the fraction and the object.





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English



Next week we will be using the book 'We're going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen to inspire our writing. The children will be creating the story hunting for their very own rainforest animal. On Wednesday the children will be going on a barefoot (possibly shoes with the predicted weather) walk in the Wildlife Garden to get all the onomatopoeias they will use in their story. They will then look at different areas of a rainforest to create their settings before they start writing their story.



Watch Michael Rosen reading through the story so that the children can familiarise themselves with this before next week. **(Please make sure you double check adverts before your child watches the video as it is on YouTube!)**

<https://www.yout-ube.com/watch?v=lou5LV9dRP0>



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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>





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Art

The theme for art this term will be Rainforest Art!

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.



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UxnEuj1c0sw>

What do humans need
to stay healthy?

P.E.

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We have two PE sessions.

Turquoise – Monday (Indoor) & Friday (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.

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Computing

This week the children will be creating their own algorithm based on the maps that they made last week.



They will use the skills they have already learned to create different starting and stopping points and will add obstacles as an extra challenge.



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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, playing the recorder 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	

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