



Spring Term 2
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Year 2

'Rainforest'

On Wednesday 27th March and Thursday 28th March at 3:15 and again at 4:30, Year 2 will be hosting a bake sale in the playground in order to raise money to adopt an orangutan. The children have written letters home to ask for your help in baking cakes (no nuts please) and donating money so that we can support the charity:

<https://www.orangutan-appeal.org.uk/adopt>



Please bring cakes in named containers (if you want them returned) into the classroom or school office. Please also label what the cake is which will also support us when selling them on the day! Any money the children bring in will be given to their class teacher. Please send any monies in a named bag/wallet and how much there is.



Many thanks, as always, for your support!
Year 2 Team!

Reminders for this week:

- Year 2 Geography walks to One Tree Hill
Monday PM – Turquoise
Tuesday – Amber and Indigo
- Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th March 3:15 and 4:30 Bake Sale
 - Easter Bonnets Day- Thursday 28th March.
Create an Easter Bonnet using recyclable materials.



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What we will be doing in school

Maths-

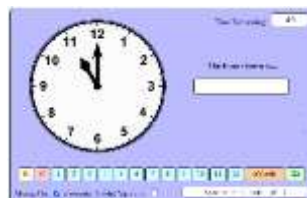
This week the children will continue to build on their knowledge of time. They have now learnt to tell the time to 5 minutes so consolidation of this at home is key!

This week they will to recognise durations of time, comparing lengths of time, how to write the time and the hours in a day.

How you can help at home

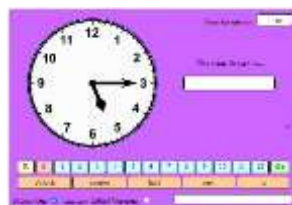
Do you have an analogue clock at home? Can your child **tell you what time it is at different points of the day?** Don't forget to remind them to look at the minute hand to see what language to use and the hour hand to see which hour we are in!

Below are some fun games your child can play to help them boost their understanding to become independent time-tellers!



A fun, timed game for recognising o'clock!

<http://www.snappymaths.com/other/measuring/time/interactive/oclock/oclockimm/oclockimm.htm>



A fun, timed game for recognising quarter past and quarter to!

<http://www.snappymaths.com/other/measuring/time/interactive/quarterhours/quarterhoursimm/quarterhoursimm.htm>



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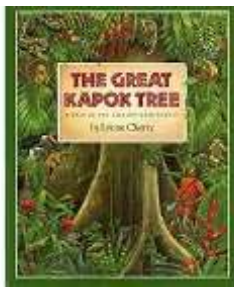
If you really want a challenge, try this game with mixed, five minute intervals!

<http://www.snappymaths.com/other/measuring/time/interactive/minutehandimm/minutehandimm.htm>

English



Next week in English, we will introduce the story of the Kapok Tree to the children.



They will listen carefully to the story and will act out the beginning, middle and end. They will then rewrite the story in their own words – adding description, detail and their own ideas. Our big focus will be on accurate spelling, full stops and capital letters.

Use the Year 2 Common Exception Words and/or High Frequency Words at the bottom of this letter to test your child on a selection of them. Any that they don't **get right** let them practise writing correctly. It would be great if you could make this fun and the spelling more memorable. Perhaps try against the clock! How many times can they write the word in a minute? Or perhaps write with and on different materials!





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Geography

Next week the children will be undertaking some field work in our local area. We will be venturing up to One Tree Hill to look at the forest vegetation, the animals that live there and how the climate and weather impact our local woodland. The children will then compare One Tree Hill with the Amazon rainforest and use their knowledge of climate, the equator and what the two places look like to discuss their similarities and differences.

The children will also be answering our unifying question - What would our world be like without rainforests?

We have learnt about the impact that humans have had on the rainforests and now we will explore what life would be like if they no longer existed.



If you are out and about for a walk this weekend, have a look at the plant life and animal life that reside in our local woodlands.

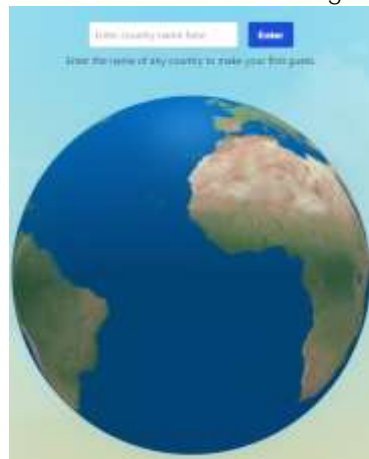
Can the children remember their knowledge of trees from their Year 1 topic of Nature Detectives and their forest school activities with Zara identifying the trees local to us?

Globe Game.

<https://globe-game.com/>

Use a world map (this link here is good to use: <https://www.mapsofindia.com/world-map/>) and play a game of Globe.

A mystery country is chosen each day and the children have to discover which it is. They can type in the different countries of the world into the guess box.



The closer they are to the mystery country the redder their guess country appears. They can keep guessing using their map until they guess correctly.



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Art

In art, the children will be finishing off their rainforest canvas and adding any finishing touches. They will then complete an evaluation on how they feel the project worked and what they learned from this tropical experience.



PSHE/R.E.

In RE the children will be learning more about Easter and how it is celebrated by Christian families. The children will be reminded of the importance of symbols and their meanings as well as the symbolic actions used within this Christian celebration.

For example, why do Christians give each other Easter eggs?

Eggs represent new life and so they are shared with friends and family to celebrate Jesus rising again!



You can prepare your child for this lesson by discussing Easter and what it means to your family and friends or just have a chat about what you know.



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P.E.

We have two PE sessions each week.

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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Spellings for Year 2

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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