



YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER

Spring TERM 2024



Deer class	Hedgehog class	Squirrel class
Mrs Heath and Mrs Norman	Miss Rahman	Miss Dawson
LSAs: Mrs Turner, Miss Wootton, Miss Richardson		

Welcome back to Year 2! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and that your child is back to school and ready to learn!

Year 2 is the end of Key Stage 1 and therefore, the expectations of behaviour and learning are high. We welcome your support in the education of your child and we believe that working together will enable your child to effectively access the more challenging curriculum.

Home Learning

- We plan homework tasks very carefully to support and consolidate school learning. Therefore, it is vital that you support and encourage your child to complete the tasks set and communicate with their teacher if they have any problems in doing so.
- For additional information on the Year 2 curriculum, please refer to the Long Term Curriculum Overview for Year 2.
- All maths overviews can be located on the school website.
- Information on home learning projects will be sent out shortly with an expected due date.

Mathematics



- Mathletics tasks will be assigned for home learning each Thursday which must be completed by the following Thursday. This will be linked to the maths learning in lessons that week.
- Maths Shed activities will also be set for your child, with a focus on number bonds and times tables. 10 minutes daily.

English



- Reading – Please ensure that your child reads their phonically matched reading book regularly on Collins ebooks and that this is recorded in their reading record. These books will be set online on a Friday. To be read daily. A sharing book will be sent home twice a week with the reading record on a Tuesday and Friday. This is a book that you can enjoy reading together. Please ensure your child's reading record is in school every day.
- Spelling – A Spelling Shed activity will be set each Friday and needs to be completed by the following Friday. 10 minutes daily. We will be doing a spelling test in class on the spellings that have been set that week.
- **Username and passwords are stuck in your child's reading record.**

PE Days & PE Kits

PE will be on Monday and Wednesday from January for Squirrel, Deer & Hedgehog.

Apart from the first week back when PE will be on Thursday 4th January.

Please ensure each item of your child's PE kit is clearly labelled with their name and no jewellery is worn on PE days.

The expectation is that your child comes into school in their PE kit on PE days.

Marvellous Me



Marvellous Me will be used to send out key information as well as to celebrate your child's successes. It is essential that you are signed up to the app and that you check it regularly.



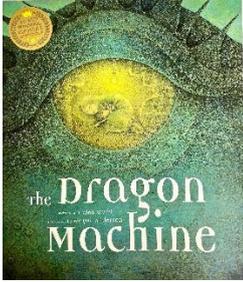
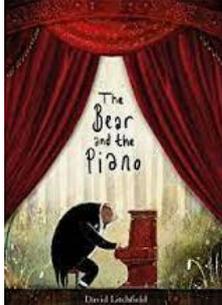
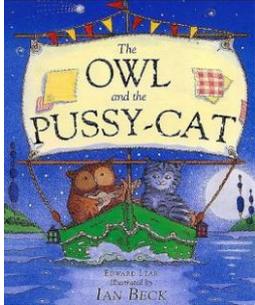
Remember to check if your child is this week's Star Writer in the weekly newsletter!

Important Dates

2nd January	INSET day
3rd January	Children return to school
6 th February	Parents evening
7 th February	Parents evening
12 th – 16 th February	Half term
19 th February	Inset Day
20 th February	Back to school
28 th March 2pm	Children break up for Easter
Exciting future dates:	
25 th April	Deer Class Assembly to parents
2 nd May	Hedgehog Class Assembly to parents
9 th May	Squirrel Class Assembly to parents

More information on key school events such as parent consultations will follow.

At APPS, we follow the Literary Curriculum from Literacy Tree, which places quality literature at the core of English teaching. Below are the texts that Year 2 will study over the course of the term. If you are able to discuss the books with your child as we study them, it would really support their learning. All books are available from bookshops and local libraries. Please refer to the whole school text overview on the school's website for the texts studied in the spring and summer terms.

Spring 1	Spring 2	
<p>The Dragon Machine by Helen Ward</p> 	<p>The Bear and the Piano</p> 	<p>The Owl and the Pussy cat</p> 

Celebration of Autumn Term Learning

		
<p>As part of our Design & Technology learning, we designed and made a picture frame for Baby Bear or Goldilocks. This supported our learning in English as we read the book, Goldilocks and the Three Bears.</p>	<p>Following on from using microscopes to look at plants in our local environment, we had a visit from Daniel Gallagher. Daniel is an environmental scientist and he talked to us about his work studying plant life. He uses microscopes to. It was very exciting!</p>	<p>In Autumn 2, our history topic was The Great Fire of London. We learned all about how and where the fire started, why it spread so easily and learned about some important people from this time! We also found out about the impact this event had on life today.</p>

We are very much looking forward to continuing to work with you to give your child the very best learning experience at APPS.

Year 2 Team

Mrs Heath, Mrs Norman, Miss Dawson, Miss Rahman, Mrs Turner, Miss Miller, Miss Wootton, Miss V, Miss Richardson

For further information or queries, please check the school's website or twitter accounts.

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