



Framwellgate Moor Primary School

Year 2 Parents Information Sheet: Spring 2022

Happy New Year! We hope you had a lovely Christmas break and are ready for another term!

English: This term our class author is Mini Grey and we will be reading the stories Traction Man is Here, Space Dog and Toys in Space and completing a range of writing pieces in relation to these. We will continue to develop the children's word reading and fluency through daily Read Write Inc Phonics and reading sessions. We will also be looking at poems. We will discuss, compare and perform our favourite poems.

Our non fiction focus this term are explanation texts, we will be linking this to our Geography topic of hot and cold places and writing a report about Antarctica. Within this, we will be embedding key grammar and punctuation skills; a range of sentences, commas in a list as well as applying some year 2 spelling rules. You should continue to access Oxford Reading Buddy at home too, please let me know if need another copy of your username and password.

Reading for pleasure is emphasised in school and we enjoy reading books from our class library.

Maths: Our Maths this term will cover units of work on multiplication and division, statistics, shape and fractions. We continue to follow the White Rose scheme of work and there are useful videos on their website if you wanted to support more at home.

We continually recap place value and our year 2 times tables (2 x table, 5 x table, 10 x table and 3 x tables are the ones we should know).

www.whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/year-2

Science: This half term our science topic is *Everyday Materials*. Children will become more confident naming materials and describing their properties. We will take part in practical investigations and experiments to decide which materials are most suited to certain objects and why.

Geography: For the first half of the term we will be focusing on hot and cold places in the world. We will explore what the equator is and identify some countries and continents which are near to it. As well as explore polar regions and compare these.

History: After half term, we will be looking at which events have changed our world e.g. moon landing, first aeroplane, first telephone etc. We will order events onto a chronological timeline.

Art: Our Art topic this half term is painting. We will explore how to form different strokes using a range of paint brushes. We will explore pattern, texture and colour mixing too.

Computing: Children will look at the app Scratch Junior and build on their skills from last term. This time, we are creating an animation in the style of a Knock Knock joke. Children will add text, voice, background and share their creations with each other. Online safety is continually promoted within our lessons and basic IT skills are covered throughout the sessions.

R.E: Our topic will continue to focus on the religion of Christianity. We will be exploring Christian ceremonies and celebrations and how Christians celebrate such events.

PSHE: The work this half term will be all about Strengths and dreams! Children will discuss their hopes and dreams and create a ladder to success of how they could achieve their dream. We will discuss challenges and how to overcome them.

P.E: In PE this half term, the children will be taking part in gymnastics. They will learn new terminology and positions to complete a range of sequences which will involve jumps and rolls. Children will share their sequences with their peers.

Music: This term we will be exploring sounds and instruments in music.

French: In French, the children will be learning about the Festival of the 3 Kings, numbers, playground games, and Easter, as well as singing/learning traditional songs.

How you can help at home / Extra Information

Changes to homework in January.

Children will now bring home 3 reading books. 1 of which will be an online story which can be found using your Oxford Owl log in, sent home next week (Friday) with homework. Please watch the video on the school website explaining the changes to homework in reading in KS1.

The second will be a hard copy 'book bag book' this will correspond with a book your child has already read.

Thirdly, a 'book to share' this is a story which you should read to your child for them to enjoy.

When reading stories at home, be sure to advocate a love of reading and make comments about the story as you read to make the process enjoyable. If your child is reading to you, ensure you give them the encouragement to make them gain confidence in their abilities.

We are also starting a new half termly homework grid which will be sent out next Friday. For this, you choose 1 activity a week from the grid and record it in the exercise book provided. Where activities are harder to record, a sentence explaining what you did with a date will be enough. All homework files and reading books will be sent home on a **Friday** and returned the following **Wednesday** to be marked and changed. Please ensure you do bring your homework back otherwise this can impact other children's learning. Logs will be made so we know who has taken which books home.

To support our class work, talk to your child about **Materials** encourage them to think about what materials different objects are made from and why.

In maths, continue to practice place value and number bonds to 100. Feel free to access the white rose videos to find out what we have been learning in class.

Please ensure children bring a bag to school each day for letters and any other items to send home.

If you have any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to catch me!

Class teacher: Miss Storey

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