



Year 2 Newsletter

Hello to all children and parents in Year 2!

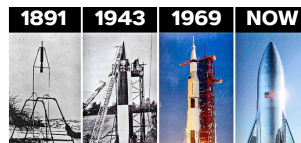
I hope you all had a wonderful summer break and the children are ready for an exciting first term ahead in year 2.

Our topic this half term is on space!

This half term Year 2 will be studying Space for our History topic. We will learn about Neil Armstrong and Helen Sharman who are two significant individuals of history.

We will also make our own fizzy rockets and watch them take off! As well as looking into the space travel timeline and compare how space travel has changed over time.

If you have any books or resources at home that link to Space, please feel free to bring them in to share with the class.



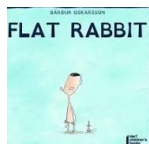
You could Try:

- Watch documentaries on Space online. Get a parent's permission first.
- Research Space and Space travel using resources such as 'National Geographic Kids' and BBC bitesize.
- Make your own space rocket.

English

In English, we are studying fantasy stories and classical poems. We will be reading the books 'The Bear and the piano' by David Litchfield and 'Flat rabbit' by Bardur Oskarsson.

We will be learning all about adjectives, verbs and conjunctions and how we use these in our writing as well as different sentence types. Additionally there will be a focus on how to use co-ordination and subordination within expanded sentences and present and past tense verbs this half term.



You could Try:

- Make a story map of the story and re-tell it to someone.
- Using adjectives, verbs and conjunctions to add detail to writing.

Maths



In year 2 children will learn their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. $3+1+2=$

During this term we will be focusing on place value within 100 counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. Where we will partition, estimate and compare numbers. Then the children will complete addition and subtraction with three 1-digit numbers and 2-digit numbers using their knowledge of number bonds to support them.

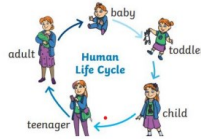
At the end of each unit the children will complete a mini recap to check their understanding.

You could Try:

- Practicing Times Tables Rockstar's and other Times Tables Games.
- Playing 'place value basket ball', 'daily 10' or 'mental maths train'; all are free games on the top marks website which helps you practice various Mental Maths skills.

Science

We are starting the first term looking at animals including humans. Focusing on ordering, sorting and comparing lifecycles. We will then discuss what all living things need to survive and investigate the impacts of exercise and healthy eating has on our bodies.



You could Try:

- Researching the topic at home using BBC Bitesize
- Conduct your own research and post it on Dojo to share with the class!

Homework and Spellings

Homework will be set every Friday and be due in the next Thursday. It is really appreciated if homework is due in on time to give us the opportunity to mark it in time for Friday.

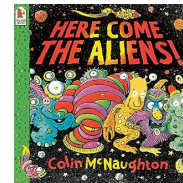
If anyone needs any extra help, come and see Miss Clark.

Spellings will be handed out on a Friday and the children will be tested the following Friday. Feel free to practice any spellings in your homework book.

Love to Read!

This half term we are reading three texts- 'Man On The Moon' by Simon Bartman, 'Bobs Best Ever Friend' by Simon Bartman, and 'Here Come The Aliens' by Colin McNaughton.

We are focusing on a skill a week and it is really important that the children read as much as they can at home.



You could Try:

- Creating a new front cover for the book.
- Create a story map for the book..
- Write questions you would ask the characters.

PE KIT

This half term, PE will be on a Wednesday and Thursday. Come to school in your PE kit. You will remain in your PE kit all day.

If you have a Kirkstall St Stephen's PE top please wear it with comfortable and warm tracksuit bottoms or leggings (preferably dark colored)

Thank you.

WATER BOTTLES

Please can each child bring their own water bottle to school to make sure we stay hydrated throughout the day.

A final note...

The children have had a great first week back after the summer break. This half term is full of great topics and fun activities so keep up this great effort everyone!

Miss Clark.