

Spring 1 in Year 2

This term our topic is Australia!

Writing - Children will be studying three key texts this term that are narrative and adventure texts to encourage our use of exciting vocabulary within our Writing. We continue to write effectively and coherently for different purposes, drawing on the children's reading to inform the vocabulary and grammar of their writing. The texts we will study are *Wombat Goes Walkabout* by Michael Morpurgo and instruction texts for recipe writing skills. At home, you can continue to support your child by continuing to revise individual zappers and learning the Year 2 common exception words, which can be found on the school website curriculum page and ensuring that they are using capital letters and full stops in any independent writing at home.

Reading - Please encourage your child to read longer text to you at home, this will help to build up their stamina for reading and fluency. By the end of Year 2, children should be able to read approximately 90 words per minute.

Maths - This term our unit of work focuses on a variety of objectives, including:

3D shape (w/c 3/1/24): recognising 3D shapes around us and using the language faces, vertices and sides.

Money (w/c 8 & 15/1/24): calculating with money (using both addition and subtraction) and finding change.

Multiplication and Division (w/c 22/01/24, 29/02/24 and 05/02/24): recognising equal groups, using arrays and learning the 2x table, 5x table and 10x table and their equivalent inverse operations. For example: $8 \times 2 = 16$, therefore $16 \div 2 = 8$

To help at home, please find a link below to some helpful videos from the Maths scheme of work that we use here at Shinfield, White Rose Maths. These videos will help to demonstrate how we teach our objectives this term.

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning?year=year-2&term=spring>

Our Key Instant Recall Facts to also practise at home this term are within your child's diary and they are to know the multiplication and division facts for the 2 x table.

Science - In Science we will be studying Everyday Materials and recalling our key learning from Year 1 to build upon. Our goal is to know the names of common materials and know the properties of these materials and suggest some purposes they are used for.

PE - Rugby is our key PE skill this term, taught by USports. Our Teacher led PE sessions will be gymnastics where we will look at developing degrees of turns on the floor, travelling in different directions to create curved and straight line patterns. We will develop our straight, star, pike and straddle shapes, improving our body tension on the floor and whilst using equipment.

RE- We will be learning to explain what commitment means to us and to Muslims by knowing about how Muslims pray each day.

Art and Design - This term we will be investigating the work of Zachary Bennet Brook and using our painting skills to recreate aboriginal work. In DT we will be making our very own pizzas!

Geography/History - In Year 2 we will be revising the names of the oceans of the World and the 7 Continents, exploring the climate and weather of Australia, alongside the landscape, culture and lifestyle of Australian citizens. We will also be looking at the reasons why Australians celebrate 'Australia Day'. We will also be comparing where we live to a small location in Australia—a place called Townsville.

Computing - We will be looking at how we present our ideas and include other forms of digital content including clip art, a photograph, a table resulting in making a fact file of Australia.

Music - All learning this term is focused around Rock music and what it takes to play in a band!

PSHE - In our PSHE lessons this term we will also be thinking about our dreams and goals. Setting goals and working towards them with a real focus on resilience and how to overcome challenges.

Forest School - Our Forest School sessions begin this term, every Thursday with each class taking it in turns. Class dates are detailed to the right of this newsletter.



Dates to remember...

3rd January
Back to School!

26th January
Australia Day
This will be a themed day in school around all things Australian.

If any parent has any artefacts, photos, resources or life experience to share having been to Australia we would love to hear from you! More details to follow.

1st February
Ash Class cake sale

2nd February
Whole school Number Day

6th February
Parents Evening

8th February
Parents Evening

9th February
Half term

Forest School

Below are the Spring term dates of which your child will need to come to school in their PE clothes. On their Forest School day, please can you also bring their wellies in a named plastic bag and any additional waterproofs they may need (weather dependent) on the day.

Ash Class: 4th January, 25th January,
Elm Class: 11th January, 1st February,
Oak Class: 18th January, 8th February.

