

Year Two – Spring Term 2024

Dear Parents,

It is a pleasure to have the children back in school refreshed and in good spirits. They are a privilege to teach. I hope you have all enjoyed Christmas and the start to 2024! Thank you so much for the kind gifts given to the staff and I in Year 2 – it was very generous.

The children did a fabulous job performing at the Christmas production. They came together with energy, enthusiasm and team spirit. Thank you for supporting us by practising lines, providing costumes where needed and your attendance.

Curriculum

This half term our topic in Geography and Science is hot and cold places, linking this to human and physical features and how the wildlife are adapted to their habitat. Next half term we will focus on life in a village in Zambia and how this compares to our local area. In English, we are looking forward to writing stories from other cultures and writing reports about animals. In maths, we are learning all about money, shape and multiplication and division. Our Moving Monsters project in DT will teach us all about pivots and levers. Full curriculum overviews can be found on our school website.

Reading

We will continue to have children changing books. Many children read three times or more a week – well done for enabling this. Little and often usually works well. Please ask questions about the text to check their understanding. Remind them of the importance of being a 'reading detective', finding evidence in the text to support their ideas.

In class, we will be focusing on developing our inference skills, identifying reasons and motives for the behaviour of characters. 'Izzy Inference' character will feature regularly in our daily guided reading sessions.

Home learning

From the week **beginning 15th January**, home learning tasks in Maths and spelling will be uploaded each Monday on to Teams. Paper copies will continue to be available to collect in class if required. Spellings will be tested every Wednesday.

Children can practise their multiplying and dividing skills on the website, 'Times Table Rock Stars'. Let me know if your child needs their login reprinted. Addition and subtraction skills can be practised (without an account) using 'Hit the Button' on the website, Top Marks (topmarks.co.uk)

Beyond this, if you wish to, children can benefit from practising the following skills:

- practise your number bonds for all numbers to 20
- adding and subtracting with a 2-digit and 1-digit number, extending to pairs of 2- digit numbers
- practise counting in steps of 2, 3, 5 and 10 from any number forwards and backwards

Enrichment grids are being replaced with an optional home learning task. To enrich our learning on hot and cold places, children might like to research a desert, rainforest or

polar region. They might like to present what they learn as a fact file, diorama, a recorded news report or digital presentation (e.g. using 2Publish+ on Purple Mash). It is wonderful for children to be able to share their learning from outside of school with the rest of the class.

P.E

Our PE days will continue to be Tuesdays (with myself) and Fridays (with EPC). Please ensure that the children wear their full and correct PE kit to school. Earrings and jewellery, including watches and fitbits must not be worn in PE lessons and hair must be tied back.

Library

Our library day is alternate Thursdays beginning 11th January. Please ensure the children bring their library books to school on this day and return any outstanding books.

Events

We will be enjoying a whole day outdoors in our grounds, exploring habitats and enjoying a good camp fire! Details to follow.

As always, please do contact me with any questions or concerns you may have regarding about your child. This can be done on the playground before or after school for a quick query or via the school office at admin@hatchride.wokingham.sch.uk

Kind Regards,

Mr S Jones

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