



Year 2 Wrens Spring 2 Newsletter

Welcome back to Spring 2!

We hope you have had a wonderful break and are ready for an action-packed half term!

Our learning will be centred around **Weather** this half term!



Key dates for your diary:

Monday 23rd February Spring 2 begins

Week 2nd March DT week

Thursday 5th March World Book Day dress up and read together.

Week 9th March Science Week

Tuesday 10th March Parent's Evening, 3.30-5.30pm

Thursday 12th March Parent's Evening, 4-6pm

Friday 13th March 11.15 Assembly science sharing songs

Tuesday 17th March St Patrick's Day - wear green

Friday 19th March Red Nose Day, wear red and donate £1

Friday 19th March Year 2 Assembly, 3.10pm

Friday 27th March Parents in Class share pop up books
1.30pm

Friday 27th March 2pm finish for Nursery to Year 6

2-4pm FRoG's - Easter Egg Hunt

Trips and Visits

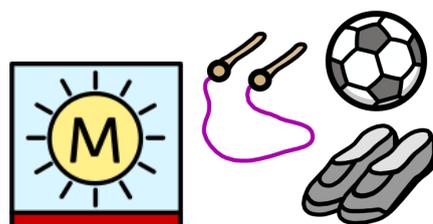
As part of learning about fire safety in Campaign, the London Fire Brigade will be visiting us at school and will be leading a workshop.



PE Kits

Class PE Day: **Monday**

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on **Mondays**.



Please ensure your child comes in with:



Reading

This half term we will be reading **The Snail and the Whale** as our class reader.

We will practise our summarising skills by identifying the main events from what we have read and completing summaries in our reading logs. It is a book full of different scenery and the children will enjoy learning new vocabulary!

Our reading lessons will focus on a range of reading skills including:

Finding information in the text.

Understanding new vocabulary in context and considering why an author uses these words.

Using clues from the text to work out the feelings of characters.

Making predictions about what will happen next.

to support your child with these skills, you can use this immersive website to watch videos and do activities:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zpvxb7h/articles/z6mmdp3>

Writing

Our writing units this half term will be based around our topic of **weather** and we will be reading **The Snail and the Whale**.

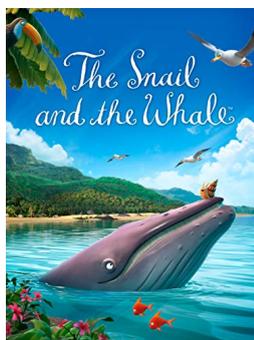
Using this text, the children will write a postcard from one of the settings from the story. The children will then rewrite a part of the story using expanded noun phrases.

During this unit, the pupils will focus on adding full stops and commas to their writing. For example:

The story is about a tiny snail and a great big, blue humpback whale.

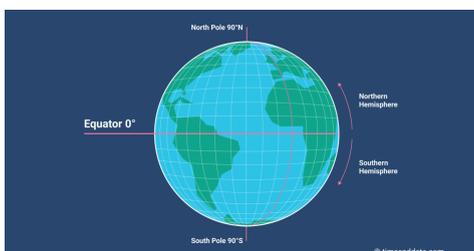
Please see the link below for further information linked to using commas in sentences:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zxvcrdm>



History and Geography

In History, we will be learning about the weather in different countries. We will be exploring why the UK is cooler than Ethiopia. The children will be finding out more about the equator and what countries are classed as either hot or cold. We will be thinking about the climate that we live in impacts our day to day activities. We will be visiting Woodberry wetlands to explore our topic further.



Campaign

Our class campaign this term is linked to **'Keep Safe.'** We will be learning about the dangers of fires and the things that we can do to keep ourselves safe. We have the privilege of inviting a fire safety officer to our class to discuss the dangers of fire and how we can keep safe.



Maths	Science
<p>In Maths this half term, we will be covering:</p> <p>Word problems- solving multi step word problems using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.</p> <p>Money- counting coins, notes, exchanging money and calculating the total amount and giving change.</p> <p>2D shapes- symmetry, patterns, moving and turning shapes.</p> <p>To support your child further, here are some useful links:</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zp8dmp3</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zp8dmp3</p>	<p>Our Science topic this half term will be around sustainability and plants.</p> <p>We will explore how we can reduce our plastic waste around the school.</p> <p>We will also be learning about what plants need in order to grow, the different parts of a plant in more detail and the growth of plants in both light and dark.</p> <p>We will develop our scientific skills by recording our results and observations, drawing conclusions and evaluating the accuracy of our investigation and results</p> <p>The links below provide some useful information about the plants we will be studying:</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zpxnyrd</p> 

ICT	<p>Data and Information</p> <p>Our topic this half term is ' Data and information- Pictogram'. We will develop our understanding of pictograms and how these can provide data and information.</p>
PSHE	<p>Healthy Me</p> <p>This half term our PSHE unit is 'Healthy Me'. During this topic, the children will think about and discuss different ways that they can be healthy and what they can do to look after themselves. They will learn and talk making better choices to sustain a healthy lifestyle.</p>
RE	<p>Christianity</p> <p>Our focus religion this half term is Christianity. Our key question is 'Why do Christians celebrate Jesus' resurrection at Easter?'. We will learn about Christian religious practices and beliefs.</p>
PE	<p>PE lessons this half term will focus on Hockey and team building.</p> <p>Class PE Day: Monday</p>
Music	<p>In the Groove</p> <p>The children will be exploring reggae music in their music lessons and will be developing their ability to create and write music. Throughout the topic they will be exploring how to use musical vocabulary accurately e.g. tempo (speed), volume and rhythm.</p>
Art	<p>Painting</p> <p>This half term in DT, the children will learn about weather and will be making weather paintings.</p>
DT and Cooking	<p>DT</p> <p>This half term in DT we will be creating pop up books based on stories we have been learning in class.</p>

Please come and speak with me if you have any questions or concerns and I look forward to working with you all.

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