

YEAR 2 SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER

Welcome back! I hope you had a super Christmas and a restful break. I am looking forward to the exciting term ahead!

Maths and spellings

In maths this term we will be focusing on addition and subtraction using a range of representations. We will also be learning about shape.

Phonics and spellings will focus on recapping our spelling rules from autumn and continuing to introduce new ones. At the end of the week the new rules will be sent home. Any extra practise of this at home is, as always, very beneficial to the children's learning and progression in reading and writing.

Homework

Homework will continue to be set every Monday, alternating between a topic based task (which you can choose from on the topic grid) and a Mathletic and Spellodrome tasks (use the same login). There is a homework club running at lunchtimes for those who cannot access these at home and if homework is not completed the children will be asked to attend.

Mathletics and Spellodrome

Mathletics is a great way for the children to practise and consolidate the concepts we are learning in maths and spelling. The children are very eager to find out who receives the class cup at the end of every week!

We will continue using Spellodrome to practise and learn spelling words from the year 2 curriculum. Again, the children can earn points through playing games around spelling and using the spelling rules we have learnt in class. The login in for this is the same as that for Mathletics.

P.E

Your child will need a named PE kit in school. This includes:

- Coloured T-Shirt for their house group
- Shorts/jogging bottoms
- Plimsoles • Jumper

PE days are Tuesday and Thursday.

PSHE and RE

Our topics for PSHE this term are "Dreams and Goals" and "Healthy me". Children will discuss achievable goals and what they need to keep their body healthy and how to make good lifestyle choices. In RE this term children will be learning about 'Who is a Muslim and how they live' and 'Why does Easter matter to Christians'.

Cornerstones

Our first topic this half term is 'Muck, Mess and Mixtures.' This topic has an art focus. We look forward to working with paint and other squelchy stuff to create a new gallery space. The express date for this topic is **Wednesday 13th February** and will be held after school in the classroom.

After half term we will move on to a topic called 'Towers, Tunnels and Turrets' which has a DT focus. As part of this topic we will be learning about the structure and architecture of different buildings in London and creating our own!

Vocabulary

Vocabulary is a focus area for us at Knollmead and we have identified some of the words that we will be learning to use and understand this term. Anything you can do at home to reinforce the meaning of these words or help your children to use them confidently would be really beneficial.

Our focus words are: marvellous, selfish, enormous, google, gape, properly thrush, scrawny, beckon, splendid, onomatopoeia, alliteration

Science

Our first topic this half term is 'Taking care.' Children will be learning about different ways to keep themselves healthy. During the module they consider the importance of eating a range of different types of food. After half term we will be looking at the topic 'Materials' where we study about different materials and their properties.

Contact Books

The children will continue to bring home their contact book each day. These will be signed on a daily basis in school and we would appreciate you doing the same at home. If you have any messages for the teachers please use the contact book and please make sure the children bring in their contact books and reading books every day. If you have any questions, as always, do not hesitate to ask.

Here's to an enjoyable, positive spring term and remember our class motto; 'I CAN'T DO IT YET... BUT I WILL TRY MY BEST!'

Miss Jackson and Mrs Hayes (TA)