

Spring 1 Newsletter 2024

Happy New Year!

We wanted to update you on a few things you may need to know this term.

Reading:

This term, we will be continuing our two-weekly cycle in reading. We were really impressed with the improvement in the children's fluency levels at the end of last half term. Please keep up the great work with reading with your child at home; preferably four times a week. Remember to record this in your child's reading record in order for them to get a stamp and a raffle ticket!

Maths:

This half term we are teaching the children to recognise and use pounds and pence. In recent years, this has become increasingly difficult due to contactless payments. If at all possible, please give your child the opportunity to play with money or use it to buy small items in shops. Later this half term, we will begin our unit on multiplication and division by 2, 5 and 10. You can support your child at home by encouraging them to play the times tables games on TTRockstars (login details will be stuck into their reading records once we have started the unit). In the meantime, you can visit this website:

<https://www.timestables.co.uk/2-times-table.html>

Contact Details:

If at any point, you would like to speak to any of us, please email us directly.

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DATES FOR DIARY

- PE days are Mondays & Wednesdays
- Friendly Fridays – 12th January & 23rd February
- Drama workshop – 7th February
- Parents' evenings – 5th & 7th March
- Brooklands Museum - 14th March



History

- Timeline
- Life and impact of Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell
- Changes in nursing

This Half Term our Topics are:

Nurses from the Past

and

Marvellous Materials

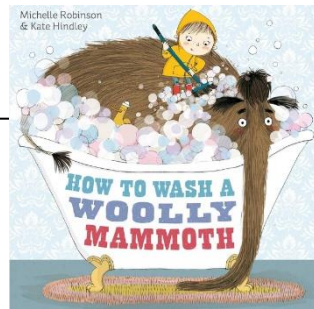
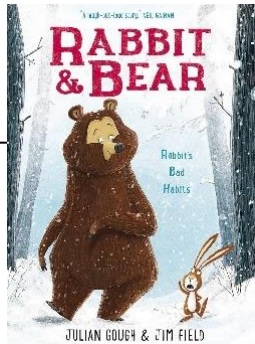
Science

Suitability and properties of different materials.



English

- Writing a character description
- Writing instructions
- Daily, whole class, reading lessons
- Daily, whole class, spelling lessons



PSHE

Keeping Myself Safe -recognising safe and unsafe situations, medicines, who we can talk to, to keep ourselves safe.

Maths

- Recognising pounds and pence
- Making different amounts
- Finding change
- Multiply and divide by 2
- Making, recognising and adding equal groups

Spring 1 – Year 2

RE

JUDAISM: What is the Torah and why is it so important to Jewish families?

- What makes a book special? Torah is special as it contains God's words & rules for living (mitzvot)
- How Jewish people show the Torah is special in how it's treated & where it 'lives'



PE

Send and return – ball skills

Gymnastics – core strength and sequences

Computing

Introduction to sequence and selection using Scratch Jr

Arts and Design

How can paint be used to create effects?

- Painting in the style of Georgia O'Keefe
- Mixing shades and tints



Music

Orchestral instruments – naming and recognising the different families of instruments and how music can tell a story