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**Class Flamingo**  
**Summer Term 2022 - Where in the World?**

Dear Parents,

Firstly, we hope you all had a good Easter break.

Our topic this term is "Where in the World?" and the children are very excited about it already. This will be a Geography themed topic looking at our local area and comparing it to contrasting localities with a focus on Kenya, The North Pole and Egypt. This will be cross curricular and feed into many of lessons this term.

This term in Year Two, the children will come together to put on a Music Festival for you at school, compete against other local Year 2 classes in sporting events and take part in our own Sports Day. Details for all of these will follow in due course.

**Class Routines**

Class routines will continue as previously with Mrs Buer teaching on Monday and Tuesday and Mrs McIntosh teaching Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Murdamootoo is our Learning Support Assistant (LSA) Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning and Mrs Williams is the class LSA on a Thursday and Friday morning.

We encourage the children to drink regularly, from a water bottle during school day and would therefore ask you to continue to provide a named bottle of fresh water for your child daily. This will be even more important as the weather warms up (well we hope it will).

Our PE days are Tuesday and Thursday (both outdoor in the summer term), so children will need to ensure their PE kits are in school, including a pair of socks in their bags for these days. Please remember earrings must be removed for PE lessons (we can no longer tape up earrings) and that long hair needs to be tied back every day.

**Homework - Reading**

Reading continues to be a vital part of education and we would ask that an adult hears your child read regularly at home and makes a note in the reading diary. In Year Two, as reading



develops, it is equally important to discuss the text with your child as well as 'hear' them read, to develop their comprehension skills. We check the diaries every day and, on a Friday, we count up the number of times a child has read to an adult at home. If this is three times or more your child will be given a sticker as a 'Bookworm Award' culminating in an end of half term certificate. Children will continue to have an opportunity to change their books every morning, **whenever they have read to an adult**. We would also encourage the children to occasionally neatly write in their own diaries about what they have read and what they thought about it. We are also encouraging children to take a book from their classroom on a Friday for Fantastic Friday! These books are chosen by the children and we would encourage you to share these chosen books with your children for pleasure.

### **Homework - Maths**

We will be asking the children to complete tasks on the Mathletics websites (username and passwords given) that will help consolidate or extend your child's learning from in the classroom. We will cover the area of maths in class first then set the tasks to do at home. We will always pop a note in the diaries when tasks are set, but please feel free to do any other activities your child wishes to attempt.

Times Table Rockstars is always set up for your child to access when they wish.

### **Homework - spellings**

Spellings will follow the same format with weekly spellings and half termly common exception words to learn. This term it will be all the common exception words in the half termly tests. Tests will take place on a TUESDAY in school. We do ask for spelling books to be returned to school as soon as you have celebrated the result with your child.

### **Our Curriculum**

**English** - English is taught daily as well as being embedded throughout all lessons. This term our genre areas are: stories from other cultures, explanation texts, non-chronological reports. Poetry such as calligrams, riddles and performance poetry as well as written work linked to our sustainability project.

**Maths** - Maths continues to be taught as a lesson every day but we also try to include real life maths in the classroom as much as possible.

As usual, we will try to make lessons as practical as we can and incorporate maths into everyday life. Our weekly times tables tests will take place every FRIDAY.

**Topic** -as mentioned above we will be learning about countries such as Kenya and comparing to our local area. We will look at map skills, compass directions, weather patterns, climate and landscapes. We will also compare to The North Pole. The children will build on their knowledge of the world and use of atlases, globes and maps.



**Science** - Our science topic is Living Things and Their Habitats. We will be looking at plants and animals and investigating why they are suited to the environment they live in. We will also be describing how animals obtain their food from plants and doing some growing of our own!

**Computing** - We will, again, be looking at how to stay safe online, understanding the dangers and children should seek help if necessary. We will be looking at programming and algorithms and developing our understanding of instructions and sequencing.

**Art** - The children really enjoy their weekly art lessons and this term we will be using a variety of media to create work linked to nature as well as African themed art. We hope to have a whole day of African themed art work later on in the term - details to follow.

### **Design and Technology**

In DT we will be making our very own habitat dioramas out of a shoe box. We will also look at a variety of animals and create our own animal using felt.

**Physical Education - Outdoor PE.** This will be taught by Premier Sports on Tuesdays and they will be following our curriculum of outdoor team games and ball skills.

Our Thursday PE lesson will be looking at skills we will be using at the Mini Games and Sports Day events. This will include team games with running, jumping, balancing, aiming and quickening in our pace at activities each week whilst cheering our teammates on!

**Religious Education** - This term we will be looking at special symbols and objects and also special ways of living. This will include looking at different religions and objects/symbols that are special to them.

### **PHSE - our topic heading is Health and Wellbeing and within this we will be covering the following:**

Why sleep is important; medicines and keeping healthy; keeping teeth healthy; managing feelings and asking for help. Growing and Changing Growing older; Moving Class or year. Keeping Safe Safety in different environments; risk and safety at home; emergencies.

### **Year 2 Infant Music Festival**

Usually in the Spring term the Year Two children would be joining other schools to perform a musical for the annual Infant Music Festival. Due to Covid, this won't be happening again this year but we will be doing our very own Year Two musical in house. This has always proved lots of fun and the children remember it for years to come!

### **Mini Olympics**

Each year the Year Two children take part in a mini Olympics run by the School Sports Partnership at Melbourne Athletic Stadium. The children compete in a range of sporting activities from throwing to jumping. They gain points for each event and at the end the winning school is the school with the highest average score. This has not been able to take place in the usual format over the last two years, but we have always competed and sent off



our scores. A separate letter will be sent out with details nearer the time when we have more information on how it will run this year.

### **SAT Tests**

These will take place in May. Details were given out at the recent SATs meeting.

If you have any concerns, queries or information to share, please come and talk to us, email us or leave a message at the school office and we will contact you as soon as possible to arrange a mutually convenient appointment.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Buer   Mrs McIntosh  
Class Teachers

