



# Danbury Park Community Primary School

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## **Class Flamingo Spring Term 2023 - Our World**



Dear Parents,

Firstly, we hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and wish you all a happy and healthy new year.

Our topic this term is "Our 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 within African savannahs and rainforests. This will be cross curricular and feed into many of lessons this term.

### **Class Routines**

Class routines will continue as previously with Mrs Hill 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.

Our PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday, 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 and times tables**

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. This term we will begin our times tables tests, starting with the 10 times tables. This will be done in a slow and encouraging manner and will gradually build up the pace over the course of the term. Once we feel the time is right we will introduce the 5 and 2 times tables too.

### **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 and poetry such as calligrams and riddles. This term, we will also be taking part in the school's annual Book Fortnight.

**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. As previously stated, our weekly times tables tests will take place every FRIDAY.

**Topic** - As mentioned above we will be learning about habitats such as the African savannah and rainforests, and comparing them to our local area. We will look at map skills, compass directions, weather patterns, climate and landscapes. 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 using technology to create media, including music and pictograms.

**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.

**Design and Technology**

In DT we will be making our very own habitat dioramas out of a shoe box.

**Physical Education - Outdoor PE**. This will be taught by Premier Sports on Tuesdays and they will be following our curriculum of football and general ball skills. Our Wednesday PE lesson will be Yoga. We will be looking at the physical and mental benefits of yoga, specific yoga poses and also telling stories through yoga.

**Religious Education** - This term we will be looking at special words and stories and special things in nature. We will be covering multiple religions to understand the meanings behind religious stories and writings.

**PHSE** - Our topic heading is Living in the Wider World, where we will be looking at belonging to a community and the world of money and work. We will also be looking at media literacy and digital resilience, linked to our computing work.

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 Hill and Mrs McIntosh**  
**Class Teachers**

