

How can you help your child at home?

Reading

Reading regularly with your child is invaluable. This includes questioning your child on what they have read. We expect the children to read at home at least three times a week.

Spelling

Remember to practise spellings three times a week.

PE.

Please ensure that your child has a labelled PE kit in school at all times, including outdoor trainers as the children will have PE outside as long as the weather conditions are dry.

Maths Fluency

Once we have introduced Times Tables Rockstars, they need to be practised three times a week. In the meantime, continuing to work on addition and subtraction facts will help your child enormously.

Dates for your diary

28.1.20 - Maths Open Morning

9am to 10am

14.2.20 - Term 3 ends

24.2.20 - TD Day

25.2.20 - Term 4 begins

3.4.20 - Term 4 ends

20.4.20 - Term 5 starts

Help needed!

We welcome parents, grandparents or other adults to come and listen to the children read. We will occasionally need help for school trips and visits in the local area.

Where in the World



Year 2 Newsletter Spring Terms 3 & 4

English

To start the term, the children will be writing diary entries. They will then be making leaflets about Marlborough and writing fiction based on the Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch. To finish term 3, we will be writing poems about the seaside. In term 4 the children will be learning and writing about Ernest Shackleton. We will be continuing to follow the Read Write Inc spelling scheme and covering the grammar content of the year 2 curriculum.

Topic

Geography is the driving topic this term and the children will be doing a local study of Marlborough. They will be looking at Marlborough's place in the UK and the world, and comparing Marlborough to coastal towns and the Arctic/Antarctic. We will be setting up a Flat Stanley project to help children learn about the world and would be grateful if you could **let your class teacher know if you have relatives in far flung places** that we could send Flat Stanleys to!

Maths



Multiplication and division will form the bulk of the term's work - the children will understand multiplication as repeated addition and will investigate arrays. The children will be introduced to Times Tables Rockstars this term. At the end of term 3 the children will be learning about statistics - understanding data and making graphs.

In term 4 we will be exploring shapes before getting to grips with fractions.



Science

The children will continue to learn about animals (including humans) and will be finding out about the basic needs of animals as well as learning about diet, exercise and hygiene. They will be performing simple tests, gathering data and answering questions as well as observing closely.



Other lessons

Art and DT - the children will be doing observational drawings (including sketching local landmarks). They will also be making lighthouses. We would be grateful for **inner tubes of gift wrap** for the lighthouse project.

Music - after listening to and appraising songs, the children will be composing their own simple songs about the sea.

PE - as well as outdoor games, the children will be doing dances based on winter days.

RE - the children will learn about Islam and praying at home. Our school values this term are Friendship and Love.

PSHE - what makes us a good learner will be explored before moving on to explore real life jobs and money.