

Homework

Reading is a key skill that children focus on during their first years at school through listening to stories, practising their phonics, reading in a group and to an adult. Please support this by trying to hear your child read everyday at home for 5–10 minutes. Please record this in their reading records. Children who read 3 times a week or more will move their leaf on the reading tree up a branch. If they get to the top of the tree they will be given extra play.



Your children have home learning in their home learning book. If they have not returned their Autumn homework yet its not too late.

Your children will also have spellings fortnightly. Please support them and help them learn these.

Keep an eye on our class blog for updates and to see what we have been doing. You can access this via the school website—speak to me if you can't find it.

Extra hands (or ears!)

We always welcome extra hands in the classroom, whether occasionally, or on a regular basis. So if you have a DBS check and would like to help with our projects this term, can spare half an hour to hear readers, or are free on our trip dates, please let us know! Thank you in advance :)



Spring Term 2019

Green Class
Year 2
Miss Living
Mrs Bales

Information for parents and
carers



Curriculum

Our topic this term is 'The farm' we have some exciting stories to explore together in Literacy, such as What the Lady bird heard and The Enormous Turnip. We are also looking at the poem 'Walking through the Jungle'. We will be looking at capital letters, full stops, rhyme, powerful verbs, contractions (for example don't), instruction writing, question marks and exclamation marks.

Maths lessons will focus on data handling (tallies and block diagrams) fractions, money, shape and time. We will be looking at fractions of shapes and numbers. You may wish to practice telling the time and working with money at home.

In Topic, linking in with our focus on farms we will be looking at farming now and farming in the past and the change of tools and machinery. We will be looking at the processes on the farm. We will also be looking at animals life cycles and identify that animals have offspring. Later this term we will be visiting Easton College farm.

In science we will be looking at categorising animals into carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. We will be looking at naming common animals and describing and comparing their structures. This will include fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals including pets. We will be visiting the wild life area too so please make sure your child has wellies and water-proof coat each day.

In Art/DT, children will be looking at observational drawing and collage.

In computing, we will be focusing on internet safety and that stranger danger exists on the internet too. We will be thinking about telling a grown up if something makes us feel uncomfortable or unsafe on the internet. We will also be looking at coding using expresso coding and using Microsoft word to type and insert pictures.

In PE, we will be looking at Hockey. We will be thinking about how to control the ball. We will also focus on working together and encouraging one another.

In PSHE, we will be working with the children to develop communication skills to express feelings and to understand how other people are feeling. We will also be looking at who our special people are (for example mums, dads, sisters, best friend) and how we should talk to them if something makes us uncomfortable. We will also be learning the difference between good surprises and secrets.

Routines

Everyday at school, your child has a grammar/phonics session, literacy, lesson maths lesson, and a guided reading session. They also attend collective worship in the hall.

PE lessons are on **Wednesday and Thursday**. Please could PE kits be sent in on a Monday and be here all week. Sometimes PE may be a different day. On Wednesday and Thursday please could long hair be tied back and earrings either removed or covered up.

Trainers are also required if children wish to use the trim trail equipment at playtimes. It is useful to have wellies and a coat in school should we go out when it is wet or use the wildlife area.

On a Tuesday afternoon Mrs Holmes will take the class for RE.

As we listen to children read in school, please try to send in their reading folder with books, records and spelling books each day.

Please remember your child needs a water bottle in school and any extras depending on the weather (suncream / hats / extra layers).



Trips and Events

Please do check the newsletters as they come out. These will have the most up to date information.

4th February-Children's mental health week
8th February- wellbeing afternoon
15th February-church service
7th March- world book day
11th March-science week
13th March GB athlete visitor
28th March-Trip to Easton College farm
29th March-mothers day tea party
2nd April- Easter craft morning
5th April- Church service

