

Year 2 Newsletter: Spring Term, Week 8



What have we explored this week?

We absolutely love World Book Day! The children looked terrific in their costumes and were proud to tell each other about their favourite characters and stories. We also enjoyed creating cosy book corners for our classrooms. The children returned home with a £1 book token and a bookmark, as well as a reading resolutions activity. Apologies for not getting a class photo for 2C! Thank you for all of the time and effort that you put into preparing for the day and making it so special for the children.

In Maths, we have begun a new unit of work on Data Handling this week. We have looked at different vocabulary as well as block diagrams to help us to interpret and measure data.

In English, we have begun the process of 'boxing up' a non-fiction text and how to use our understanding of a text structure in order to innovate, using our own ideas. We have boxed up a text about an 'Ice Owl', and look forward to giving the children an opportunity to write about an owl or an animal of their own choosing next week.

Things to Remember

- We have a lot to look forward to between now and the Easter holidays, so we thought we would let you know the key Year 2 dates in advance:
 - Monday 11th March - International Science Week
 - Friday 15th March - Year 2 trip to the Natural History Museum and Feel Good Friday (Red Nose Day)
 - **Monday 18th March - PARENT EVENT -Year 2 Book Look Morning (8:15am-9am)** - if you have children in different classes in the Lower School, staff will be on hand to escort you around so you can see all of your children's brilliant work
 - **Wednesday 20th March - PARENT EVENT Year 2 Shakespeare Festival Performance (9am)**
 - Tuesday 26th March - Easter Service, St Mary's Church (9:15am)
 - Wednesday 27th March - Grandparents Morning (<https://stjamesjunior.schoolcloud.co.uk/>) and End of Term (11:30am pick-up)
- As usual, this week's homework is in the yellow folder. Pupils have been given until Wednesday 13th March to complete all tasks as best as they are able to. The Spelling and Maths tasks should take 20-25 minutes. This week's English homework is a comprehension activity.
- We have our next school trip on Friday 15th March! This will take place during the school day. Please send in your child in school uniform as usual (with red noses if they have one). It is vital that your child brings their own packed lunch but please ensure it contains no nuts, sweets or fizzy drinks.
- Our fourth Feel Good Friday is nearly upon us! We will be celebrating Red Nose Day (Comic Relief) on Friday 15th March. During the day, the children will learn about the work of Comic Relief and how they can support those who are less fortunate. Please see the letter sent by Miss Inglott with details of

how we will be raising money for this important cause, as well as information on how to purchase red noses and donate.

- Please do ensure you are listening to your child read aloud as much as possible – ideally on a daily basis, filling in the yellow reading record. We would encourage quality reading of 10-15 minutes (including discussion) rather than lengthy sessions of page turning! Even though your child may not finish a book every night, they always need to bring their reading book and reading record to school every day.
- Some children are using Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS) regularly and we are already seeing the benefit in class. We are going to be giving extra House Point rewards to pupils who do this, so please do encourage your child to use this excellent resource. Ms Foster has stipulated that each week **TTRS must be played in Garage Mode only**, for 2 x 5 minute sessions. If you have any questions about our online platforms, please do not hesitate to get in touch via the school office.
- Please continue to practise the lines and cues for a Midsummer Night's Dream/Winter's Tale with your child - scripts are in the yellow folders. We are all so excited for the performance, which is really not very far away now!