

Homework

As part of their homework, Year 2 will continue to do POWER Projects linked to our topics. As well as getting weekly spelling words, each child will receive a new reading record as reading is a fundamental aspect in your children's learning and progression throughout life. The aim of the diaries is to encourage them to be enthusiastic about reading with you outside of school. Please read with your child on a **daily basis** and **record what they have read in their reading records**. The children's reading records will be checked and commented on, on a weekly basis, so the children should bring them in on the day specified on the front of their record.

Important Dates

- Jeans for Genes Day

Friday 25th September (Bring £1 to support the charity)

- Individual and Sibling Photo

Thursday 24th September

- Half Term

Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2020

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us directly at hometime or book a parent consultation meeting. See inside for more information.



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Our topic this half term is:

Wonder
Women



The Year 2 Team:

Willow: Bilkis Abdullah

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PPA Teachers: Ruth Deer and Nursel Deniz

Support Staff: Sharon H, Arleone

Maths

Please see below for a week by week overview of the maths areas that we will be covering this half term:

Week 2- Count in steps of 2, 3 and 5 from 0, and in tens from any number, forward and backward.

Week 3- Read and write numbers to at least 100 in numerals and in words.

Week 4- Compare & order lengths, mass, & record the results using $>$, $<$ and $=$.

Week 5 - Recall and use addition and subtraction facts to 20 fluently and derive and use related facts up to 100.

Week 6- Add and subtract numbers mentally, including: 2-digit numbers & ones; 2-digit numbers & tens; two 2-digit numbers and adding three 1-digit numbers.

Week 7 - Identify and describe the properties of 2D shapes, including the number of sides and line symmetry in a vertical line. Identify and describe the properties of 3D shapes.

How can you help? The website www.mathszone.co.uk has links to lots of number activities in the counting section.

English

To begin the half term the children will explore the key ideas in the book 'Here We Are' as we discuss our involvement with the Earth and its environment. We will then move on to the story of Rosa Parks and other influential women in history to learn more about their actions and impact modern society.

We will have weekly Grammar and Punctuation lessons, where the children will enhance their skills in structuring sentences, as well as developing a secure understanding of using full stops, capital letters, exclamation marks, question marks and commas for lists. There will also be a strong emphasis on forming letters correctly.

Science

In science we will be learning about habitats and the differences between things that are living, dead and that have never been alive. They will explore what living organisms need to stay alive and well. Then they will investigate the habitats that they live in.. Year 2 will study simple food chains and how animals obtain their food.

How can you help? This website has a Science Zone with easy-to-understand information and links to other websites about habitats:

www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/revision/Science/

Humanities and Topic

This half term our topic is called Wonder Women. As part of this topic the children will be learning about women from the past who have impacted the world even though they were not always treated fairly and some of the women still managed to protest until things changed. They will learn about Queen Elizabeth I, Queen Victoria, Florence Nightingale, Rosa Parks, as well as Mary Seacole and Emmeline Pankhurst (who are the inspirational figures that our house teams are named after). Part of this topic will be aimed at highlighting the positive impact that the children can have on the people around them by becoming real life superheroes!

Parent Consultations

This year, parent consultations will take place via phone calls. If you would like to speak to the class teacher regarding your child's progress, please visit the Class Pages on our website to sign up. The class teacher will call at the earliest possible time/date. Each phone call will last 10 minutes.

PE

This half term in PE, the children will focus on throwing and catching skills. These are the basic skills required in preparation for their development in team sports. Please make sure your child wears the correct PE kit to school on Wednesdays. This is plain white T-shirt, navy/black shorts and trainers/plimsolls. The children will also take part in the Daily Mile each day to keep children fit and active.