

# Year Two Newsletter – Spring Term



Welcome back Year 2! We are very excited to welcome you back for another brilliant term. Here you will find all the important information to help prepare you and your child for our second term.

## Diary Dates for this half term

- 5<sup>th</sup> January – First day back to school
- 20<sup>th</sup> January – Phonics lesson visit
- 30<sup>th</sup> January – Class photo day!
- Week of 9<sup>th</sup> February – Children’s mental health week
- 23<sup>rd</sup> February – INSET day
- 24<sup>th</sup> February – Back to school after half term
- 5<sup>th</sup> March – World book day
- Week of 9<sup>th</sup> March – British science week
- 13<sup>th</sup> March – Mother’s Day celebration
- 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> March – Parent’s evenings
- 20<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day
- 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Enquiry showcase
- 27<sup>th</sup> March – Easter eggtravaganza winners announced

As you may know, I (Mrs Akpovi) will be going on maternity leave soon (currently February half term). To support with the transition to a new adult, we have welcomed Miss Maxim to Forest Glade! She will be taking over Year 2 but as she is already with us, this means she will have a great number of opportunities to get to know and teach the amazing Year 2s.

“A very big hello to all the Year 2 parents and carers. I am really looking forward to taking over Year 2 and getting to know the children! You may see me around before, so please come and say hi!” – Miss Maxim



## Enquiry

Our enquiry this term is a history’s theme. Throughout our enquiry sessions this term we are going to be answering the question, **“How does the past affect the future?”** Each week we will be building up our knowledge to answer our main question.

This term we will be looking at:

- Week 1 – We will kickstart our enquiry with learning about The Rainhill Trials of 1829 with a fun, DT twist. We will learn why George Stevenson was significant.
- Week 2 – In Geography, we will compare city to village life, thinking about how George impacted this. We will learn the difference between primary and secondary sources that help us understand the past.
- Week 3 – We will use historical sources to find out information about the Titanic.
- Week 4 – We will look in further detail at the Titanic and understand how life used to be different for different people.
- Week 5 – We will understand why the Titanic was such a significant event in History.
- Week 6 – We will plot all the events we have now learnt in history on a timeline adding our date of birth to see how far into the past certain events happened.
- Week 7 – In Art, we will use shading techniques to sketch the iceberg that sank the Titanic.
- Week 8 – In DT, we will design and make a moving vehicle that is both sustainable and functional.
- Week 9 – We will evaluate our DT products and see how we can make them more stable.
- Week 10 & 11 – We will look back on all we have learnt and share our opinion on our enquiry question. Sharing all our amazing learning at our enquiry showcase of course!

## Homework

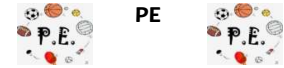
On Dojo you have access to our home learning menus. This is a great and fun way of further supporting your child’s learning at home. There will also be activities posted on Dojo. Don’t forget to pick and choose the activities and upload your evidence to Dojo to gain Dojo points. These can be done at any point up until the end of the term. Please check your child’s bag as we will be sending out additional worksheets to be completed at home.



Please ensure your child has their name in all their belongings to prevent them being lost.

If you need anything, Mrs Wilton, Miss Maxim or I are available via class dojo or feel free to speak to us before/after school.

Thank you!



## Tuesday & Wednesday

Children should come to school in their PE kit and can stay in it all day. Our PE kit is a plain white t-shirt, black or navy shorts/PE skirt, black or navy tracksuit bottoms or leggings, plimsolls or trainers for outside games. Please ensure all earrings are removed or covered with tape and hair tied back.

These days will change termly as we have an external provider to deliver incredible PE sessions, and this will ensure all children can access this.

This term we are doing basketball.



## Reading

It is essential that pupils are encouraged to read at home to develop their fluency, vocabulary and it will open many more doors to their learning. The children will bring home a decodable reading book for them to read to you at home. Please remember to write in their reading diaries each time you read together, as each time they read three or more times a week, they get a raffle ticket entered in a prize draw each week.

**This term we are hosting a phonics lesson visit. Come and see first hand how reading is taught at our school!**



Each child has a login for the Numbots app. This is a fun way for children to develop their number sense and each week they can win certificates for the most correct answers and the most coins collected.