

Statutory Assessments

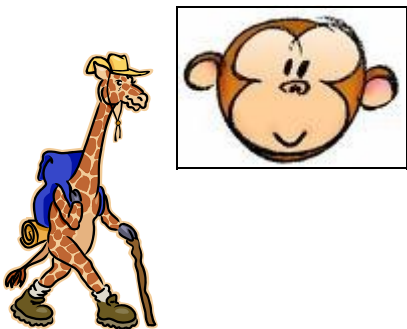
At the end of Key Stage One (Year 2), we are required to level your child in Speaking and Listening, Writing, Reading, Maths and Science. We will be beginning these assessments in small groups in the second half of this term. Any further relevant information will be sent out nearer the time.

Empty Number Line Drop-In Session

We will hopefully be holding an informal session on how we teach addition and subtraction on an ENL in Year 2. The short session will be directly after school. We will be sending information out next week.

Class Mascots

George the Giraffe (class 12) and Mark the Monkey (class 11) will be looking out for those children who are working especially hard all week and going home with one person who has been spotted being fantastic!



Classroom Help

If you are able to offer some time to assist in your child's class in the afternoon with one-to-one reading and small group activities please don't hesitate to come and let us know. All help is appreciated!



Communication

We work hard to do the best for your child. If, at any time, you have a concern or query please come and talk to your child's teacher. If you are still concerned, please talk to the Phase Co-ordinator (Sally-Ann Roberts) or Mr Wood.

Staff

Class 11:
Ellen Scott
Teaching assistants:
Wendy Studd, Gail Ealham and Trisha Thomson.

Class 12:
Claire Dibley
Teaching assistants:
Gail Ealham and Sally Read.

We look forward to an exciting,
hard working term!

Year 2 Newsletter



Spring Term 2009

Welcome!

Welcome back to a busy but exciting spring term!



During the term we will continue to encourage the children to become effective, independent learners and thinkers across all areas of the curriculum.



Curriculum.

In daily **Numeracy** lessons the children will be extending their understanding of number, calculations (using addition and subtraction) and problem solving.

We will be continuing to teach this through the ENL scheme (empty number line) using bead frames, bead strings and number lines. In addition to this, we will be looking at key facts and supporting weaker areas.

We will also be looking at fractions, shapes, Handling Data in simple tables and graphs, measuring capacities, time and money.

In **Literacy** we will be covering a wide range of texts.

Writing: The focus this term is stories by Lauren Child. We will be reading and listening to a selection of her stories and writing our own! We will also be reading and writing non-chronological reports about a variety of topics.



Reading: This term we will focus on reading the high frequency words, blending initial and end consonants and recognising long vowel phonemes.

Homework

In Year 2 we are going to continue sending home suggested reading questions and activities relating to your child's reading book. As homework is under review in the school, these are **suggestions** only and are not compulsory.

It is important to read with your child for at least ten minutes every night to improve their confidence and understanding.

This could be from a range of sources including their guided reading book, story books, magazines, comics, web pages....!



Maths games are also voluntary. If you would like to continue using these feel free to exchange games at home time, from the labelled box in the classroom.

In **Science** we will be looking at grouping and changing materials. In **ICT** we will be looking at different ways of presenting information using a range of programmes.

Foundation subjects:

All other subject areas will continue to be taught through the River topics. This term's focus is bridge building and construction, and river environments.

P.E: We will continue to improve our ball handling skills in games and balancing and moving skills in gymnastics.

Please note that swimming will continue this term. Your child needs to have a labelled swimming kit in school for lessons on **Monday morning.**

Please ensure that your child also has his/her full P.E kit in school on P.E days and that it is **clearly labelled** with their name.

Please remove your child's earstuds on these days.

Class 11 and 12 : P.E–Thursday

