

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you all had a well deserved rest over the half term break and that the children are ready for an enjoyable second half of the Spring Term. The children really enjoyed learning about individual explorers and designed lovely posters about showing courage, just like explorers would! Thank you to those of you that supported the children's remote learning on our unexpected school closure day.



This half term Year 2 learning topic is called 'Is Plastic Fantastic?' – and our enquiry question is: Should we *forgive* those who pollute the planet?

The children are going to have lots of opportunities to develop their science skills by understanding that plastic is a man-made, long lasting, durable material, and that many everyday items can be made from plastic. In Geography the children will identify and compare physical and human features of different environments, and consider the impact of plastic waste upon these.

In Maths, we are exploring length and height, followed by learning about gathering data and statistics. In English the children will focus upon new narratives and recognising local and global impacts within these. They will use key texts and their learning of these to innovate and create their own versions. The children will also learn about creating and writing animal fact files. As ever, we will support the children widening their range of vocabulary, their understanding of it, and encourage them to make use of this in their writing opportunities. As part of this term's topic of animals and habitats, children will be looking at different habitats and how these provide for the basic needs of different animals and plants, how they depend on each other and how plastic is harming their habitats and health.

With kind regards,

Mrs Sargeant, Mrs Atkinson and Miss Pain

Reading Awards: Pink– 25 reads– earned by:-

Harvey, James, Judah

Reading Awards: Bronze—50 reads—earned by:

Ana, Henry, Melina, Mirella, Adaline, Amber-Rose, Charlie C-H, Noah, Tobias

Reading Awards: Silver—75 reads—earned by:

Adrian, Hanna, Henry, Isaac B, Lennie, Leon, Maja, Sophie, Adaline, Adam, Imogen, Joshua

Reading Awards: Gold– 100 reads– earned by:

Adrian, Benji, Hanna, Harley, Isaac F, Jacob, Leon, Liliana, Maja, Sienna, Sophie, Mia, Olivia, Sara

Reading Awards: Diamond– 150 reads—earned by:

Benji, Isaac F, Adrianna, Luke

Helpful Reminders:

PE kits to be worn on a Monday and Friday. This consists of:

White polo top, navy blue shorts or navy tracksuit, white ankle socks and white trainers. Children are to wear plain blue tracksuits without huge logos on them please. Hair is always to be tied up neatly away from their face and any earrings to be removed.

Home Learning

Weekly spellings will continue to be provided on Tuesdays in red home learning logs. The children know they are expected to practice these daily.

Please continue to complete the suggested tasks set on IXL each week to follow up lessons in school. We are asked to monitor completion of this each week.

Children are to continue using Times Tables Rock Stars . We are concentrating on 2s, 5s and 10s this term and into the Summer term also.

Parents evening

The parent-teacher meetings are on Wednesday 9th March and Thursday 10th March. To make your appointments please login at: <https://parents-booking.co.uk/ctkcps> and book in. These bookings went live on Monday 28th February.

To login you will need to enter: Your first name and surname, your child's first name, surname and date of birth.

The login details you enter must match those we have on record for you.

Plastic competition

What can be a problem with plastic?

- Often it is only used one
- Some plastics can not be recycled
- It is harmful to all environments
- It can be a danger to all creatures
- Plastic pollutes our planet

So...we have set up a challenge for the Year 2 children to design and make something unique by re-using a plastic item! Please do not buy something plastic to use—the idea is that we encourage the children to really think about making greater use of 'single use' plastic containers and other items ... What is in the recycling that could, in fact be recreated into something new?

The Rules

- Children must re-use a plastic item from your home recycling (this could be a milk carton, a fruit punnet, drinks bottle...anything(s) from your plastic recycling that you can see another use for!)
- The children need to draw a design showing their idea for their end product.
- The children must use their own skills to change the plastic into a new, useful item.
- Children must bring their named design and plastic item into school on **Tuesday 5th April**.
- There will be prizes for the most imaginative designs

Here are some ideas to get you thinking...

