

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for a productive half term leading up to the Easter holidays, including changes of staff for Toucans class and the year group to adapt to. The children voiced their opinions about our plastics topic clearly and thoughtfully, hopefully sharing these and some of their learning with you at home? We have a very busy five weeks ahead of us all, and last half term we also provided you with our information about SATs in Year 2 which we will be carrying out over the next few weeks. We ask that parents maintain routines that support their child's learning as they now work towards taking their learning into a new Key Stage—Key Stage Two in September!

This half term our topic is 'Where do you live?— and our enquiry question is: Is it fair that some people do not have a home?, as children explore this theme we will teach them about **justice and fairness**, so that they can identify situations that are less fair and seek out how they would feel in that circumstance. As ever, we have some specially selected texts to share with the children to interest and inspire them to think about the need for safe shelter, habitats and homes. Science, Geography and RHE combine to be the driving subjects for this half term when the children will learn to compare their locality with another part of the world. This half term, in Maths, the children will revisit their learning of multiplication and division, and we will also teach them about reading a variety of scales (number lines and sequences), solving word problems, and using position and direction.

We are launching individual Spelling Booklets this half term —each child will bring a booklet home that contains each of their weekly spelling focuses that they will be learning this half term. They need to use the Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check method to practise A DAILY LIST of words so that they become more confident spelling them. They can teach you about the phonemes (letter sounds) provided at the front of the booklet that they will have been learning about through their Read Write Inc lessons.

Finally, a couple of photos rounding up our 'Is Plastic Fantastic?' topic from last half term and a message about the whole school impact Year 2 have achieved: we have been able to organise the recycling of our school plastic waste—glue sticks and pens—via a local zero waste shop, and these are now being recycled throughout the school!



Well done to our innovative families who helped children to re-use plastic by creating something new from it ...

With kind regards, Mrs Sargeant, Mrs Atkinson and Miss Oppo

Year 2's Latest Reading Successes:-

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

Stevie

Reading Awards: Bronze—50 reads—earned by:

Charlie M-H, Oliver W, Evie, Harry, Judah, Manni,

Reading Awards: Silver—75 reads—earned by:

Oliver W, Sophia, Ana, Evie, Manni, Melina,

Reading Awards: Gold— 100 reads— earned by:

Adam, Everley, Imogen, Joshua, Julia, Lorenzo, Ana, Henry, Isaac B, Lennie, Manni, Melina

Reading Awards: Diamond— 150 reads— earned by:

Hope, Mia, Olivia, Ritchie, Ana, Jacob, Liliana, Sienna

Reading Awards: Platinum— 200 reads— earned by:

Adrianna, Luke

Home Learning

Weekly spellings have been provided in Spelling Booklets this half term. Practise spellings in the usual way at home—a list each day. These do not need to be returned to school. Please continue to return red Home Learning Logs on Mondays for us to check and update with tasks. Thank you.

We are asked to monitor home support of additional home learning provided on the iXL, Oxford Owl, TT Rock Stars and Numbots apps—please continue to make use of all of these as they are provided to consolidate learning and really help children close any gaps in learning so that they are confident and secure moving in to Year 3.

Helpful Reminders

28th April 11am Easter Mass

Walk to School Week week beginning 16th May

Laudato Si fortnight 16th—27th May

Thursday 19th May Laudato Si assembly

Thursday 26th May Ascension Day

Thursday 26th May Year 2 Presentation Assembly pm time to be confirmed

Friday 27th May May Procession

Platinum Jubilee holiday Monday 4th July (no school)

Year 2 Marwell Zoo trip Wednesday 6th July

8th July Sports day (reserve day 11th July)

End of year reports sent home Friday 8th July

14th July Year 2 Summer concert