

Year 2 Newsletter

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Teaching Assistant: Mrs Calver

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Teaching Assistant: Mrs Schreur and Mrs Harrison

Curriculum Information

Our topic in term 5 is 'A Starry Night'



This term our topic is 'A Starry Night' where we will be finding out all about nocturnal animals. Our topic launch day is **Friday 26th April** when the children can wear their pyjamas to school for the day. We have linked Science, English, Music, Art, Computing and Topic together, to look at the subject from a variety of angles. We will be making masks, painting starry night scenes, composing and performing music and drama as well as investigating habitats and adaptations. The children will learn about data bases in the *We Are Zoologists* computing unit.

In **Maths** this term, we will be learning to tell the time and revising the most efficient methods to solve problems using the four operations.

In **English**, we will be reading *The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark* and completing a unit of work on a tale of fear. This will include drama and speaking and listening, as well as reading and narrative writing. Additionally, we will be writing an information leaflet all about nocturnal animals.

In **P.E.** the children will be learning cricket skills.

In **R.E.** we will complete our look at special Jewish symbols such as the Menorah.

Quartz P.E. is on
Wednesday and Friday

Sapphire P.E. is on
Thursday and Friday



Please could you ensure your child has their P.E. kit in school. **Please remove earrings on these days** - this is an important health and safety issue.

How can you help at home?

Times tables songs

Reading - books, comics, signs, labels

Spelling tricky words e.g. There and their, here and hear etc.

Writing simple stories/news using adjectives and adverbs

Recognising 2+3 d shapes

Finding change

Telling the time o'clock,

Half past, quarter to and past and to 5 minutes.



Water bottles

Please could you ensure that your child brings a **named** drink bottle to school each day, to have in the classroom. **This should contain water only, no juice or squash please.**



Reading books

Each week your child is listened to reading in their Guided reading group, as well as reading in different situations. Reading is a tricky skill to master and your child will benefit from **reading with you at home as much as possible to build confidence and fluency.** They also need to be able to show they understand what they have read by **answering questions about it.** Thank you!



Clothing

Please make sure all items of your child's clothing has their name on it. It makes it much easier to reunite children with lost clothes. This includes their PE kit.

Thank you