



# F2 Spring Newsletter



## WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to the spring term in F2. We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas break and wish you a very Happy New Year.

We have lots of exciting learning planned for this term with our projects "I wonder why things happen..." in Spring 1 and "I wonder what is out there..." in Spring 2.

More information regarding our learning is available on our project placemat via the school website.

## LEARNING FOCUS

Spring 1 project: I wonder why things happen...

We will be learning all about animals and their habitats, why they live there and how they adapt to their environment. We will be using a globe and maps to locate different countries and find out about different climates.

We will be finding out about materials and their properties, exploring forces and experimenting with building use a range of construction materials. In maths, we are focussing on subitising, composing numbers up to 8, addition, subtraction, length and height and time.

In phonics, we will be moving on to phase 3 - learning lots of new digraphs and tricky words.

We will continue to develop our wider vocabulary daily by adding actions to new words and applying these in new contexts.

This half term's art focus is all around paint - we will be using our fingers, different tools and our imagination to create beautiful artwork!

In music, we will be learning all about pulse and pitch and will begin to play simple rhythms on the glockenspiels.

## REMINDERS

- ✓ All children need a water bottle and a piece of fruit or vegetables for snack every day.
- ✓ All items of clothing and belongings should be clearly labelled with your child's name.
- ✓ All children in F2 are entitled to free school meals.
- ✓ PE is every Friday. Children should wear their PE kit to school all day. Please ensure this is weather appropriate.
- ✓ Please ensure your child has a spare set of clothes, in case of any accidents.

## DIARY DATES

**17th and 18th January 2024**

Learning reviews

**12th January 2024**

Library visit

**26th January 2024**

Library visit





## ZONES OF REGULATION

This term, we continue with our work on the Zones of Regulation.

You can find some of our children talking about this on the school website

[Click here to hear more about the Zones of Regulation.](#)

## OUTDOOR LEARNING

We will continue our trekking and outdoor learning this term. Please ensure that your child has wellies in school as these are used daily - we are so proud of their independence when taking off and putting on their own shoes!

## READING AND HOMEWORK

Please ensure that your child reads at least 3 times per week and this is recorded in their reading diary.

In addition to this, we will begin sending home a selection of words that contain the graphemes learnt each week. Please read these with your child to support their decoding and fluency.

Sticky questions will also be sent home every Friday.

## VOLUNTEERS

We will be visiting the library twice this half term. If you are available to join us, please let us know.

We are also seeking volunteers to assist with reading across all year groups. If you are available to lend your support, please get in touch. Your help can significantly improve reading development and any assistance would be greatly appreciated. We can be flexible with days and times.

## BAKING

We love to bake in F2. This half term, we will be making fruity flapjacks. We will also be attending a Chinese New Year banquet in school as part of our learning. In order for us to provide the materials required for baking, we ask for a contribution of £1 per child (£3 for the year). Please place any money in the class money bank or give to a member of staff. We thank you in advance.

## PE

Our PE sessions this half term will focus on developing our gymnastics skills even further using the apparatus in the hall.

Please ensure that children have long hair tied up, all jewellery is removed and they come to school in their PE kit.

We will have bare feet in the hall so plimsols will not be required.

## CHALLENGES

This half term, we will be introducing weekly challenges for your child to complete during busy time. This will encourage your child to explore a range of learning opportunities, widen their experiences and allow them to apply and develop their new skills.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your support so far this year. If you have any questions or concerns, please do pop and see us after school. Alternatively, you may contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

We are looking forward to another exciting term.

Mrs Bowell and the Foundation Stage Team

