

## Year 2 Newsletter Spring 2

Welcome back! We hope you all had a fantastic break. If you have any concerns at all, please do not hesitate to contact a member of Year 2. We are happy to help. The best help you can give is to ensure your child engages with the home learning every day, as this enables them to build upon their learning and helps their understanding. Every day is planned to help your child to achieve, so excellent attendance is vital. Please also ensure that your child has a healthy breakfast e.g. cereal, with lots of early nights, to ensure they can concentrate fully and give their best.

### LITERACY

This term we will be reading *Paper Bag Princess* by Robert Munsch and *The Knight and the Dragon* by Tomie DePaola. We will be learning the text off by heart, doing some short pieces of writing, leading up to writing a recount, setting description, character description and a non-chronological report.

**Key vocabulary:**

adjectives	question marks	
punctuation	exclamation mark	
capital letters	finger spaces	recount
non-chronological reports	setting	character

### Mathematics

This term we will be learning about shapes and fractions. We will continue to practise our timetables to help us with this. Please encourage your child to access TT Rockstars at home. We will also continue to practise addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

**Key vocabulary:**

Addition subtraction multiplication division  
array equal sharing 2D 3D faces vertices  
edges



### Phonics

Phonics takes place each day. At home, a live lesson is available on the Read Write Inc. YouTube page. Engaging with this will really help your child with their reading.

In the afternoons, we will have a storybook session. Each day, encourage your child to read for 20 minutes.

**Read Write Inc.**

### SCIENCE

In science, our topic this term is 'squash, bend and twist.' We will be finding out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching. We will also be working scientifically by asking questions, observing, performing simple tests and gathering and recording data to help in answering questions.

**Key vocabulary:**

Squash bend twist stretch  
flexible rigid opaque transparent  
waterproof smooth dull shiny





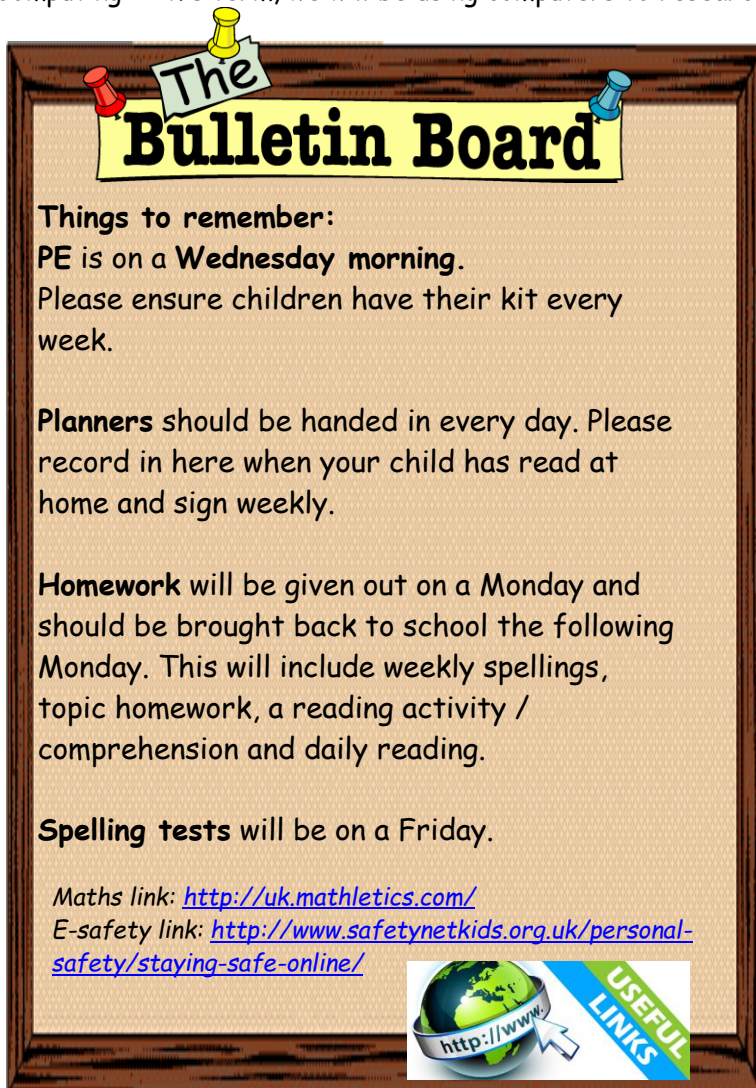
# Other Curriculum Areas

**History** - This term we will be learning about 'Magnificent Monarchs'. We will learn about the history of kings and queens.

**PE** - This term, we will be focusing on netball. We will learn how to throw and catch the ball with control and perform a range of actions.

**PSHE** - This term, we will be learning about living in the wider world. We will learn about belonging to a community, media literacy, money and work.

**Computing** - This term, we will be using computers to research and present information about a topic.



## The Bulletin Board


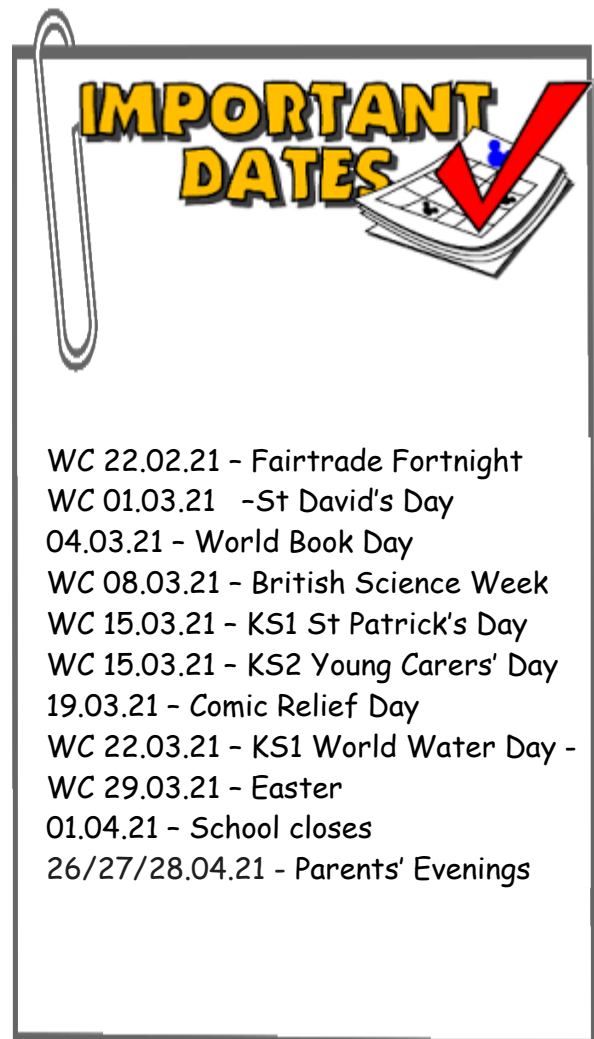
**Things to remember:**  
**PE** is on a **Wednesday** morning.  
 Please ensure children have their kit every week.

**Planners** should be handed in every day. Please record in here when your child has read at home and sign weekly.

**Homework** will be given out on a **Monday** and should be brought back to school the following **Monday**. This will include weekly spellings, topic homework, a reading activity / comprehension and daily reading.

**Spelling tests** will be on a **Friday**.

Maths link: <http://uk.mathletics.com/>  
 E-safety link: <http://www.safetynetkids.org.uk/personal-safety/staying-safe-online/>

## IMPORTANT DATES

WC 22.02.21 - Fairtrade Fortnight  
 WC 01.03.21 - St David's Day  
 04.03.21 - World Book Day  
 WC 08.03.21 - British Science Week  
 WC 15.03.21 - KS1 St Patrick's Day  
 WC 15.03.21 - KS2 Young Carers' Day  
 19.03.21 - Comic Relief Day  
 WC 22.03.21 - KS1 World Water Day -  
 WC 29.03.21 - Easter  
 01.04.21 - School closes  
 26/27/28.04.21 - Parents' Evenings

**Uniform** - Thank you for ensuring your child has the correct school uniform - they look very smart. Thank you also for your support in ensuring that make up, jewellery, fake tan and nail varnish is not worn for school. Small ear studs are permitted. As a reminder, dyed hair and tramline hairstyles are not permitted.

**Reading** - Hawthorn class pupils should be reading for at least 20 minutes every day. When reading with your child, encourage them to sound out tricky words using their phonics and discuss any unfamiliar vocabulary. Stop them regularly, to check their understanding, as this will support them with their learning. Some questions you could ask: what are the characters thinking/feeling? How do you know? Books will be changed once a week. Children will bring home a 'storybook' and a 'book bag book' that matches their phonic knowledge.