



Year 2 Spring Term 2023 Information

Welcome Back

The children have settled in well after the Christmas break and made a terrific start to 2023. This term, Luxton's class are pleased to welcome Mr Daniels, a trainee teacher who will be with us for the Spring term.

Literacy

The children will continue to build their reading, writing and grammar skills through the daily ReadWriteInc lessons. Your child will also be reading throughout the week using Lexia and working on comprehension with an adult. As our letter in the reading records said, the expectation continues to be that the children's reading is listened to at home five times a week.

Maths

In our daily maths lessons we will be using our Power Maths scheme to learn more about Multiplication and division, statistics, length and height, properties of shapes and fractions. We started learning about multiplication and division last week and we will be sending home a letter about Times Tables Rockstars, an online platform that we use to help children practise their times tables in school and at home. The children will have a username and password which will allow them to access this site at home.

To further support your child's maths understanding, we are also attaching an interesting article about number facts. We often refer to these in school and we want you to be aware of what is expected of Year 2 children, but also give you some ideas to use at home if you wish to help your child with their maths.

Foundation

subjects

In **geography** we will be learning about Coastlines. This project teaches children about the physical and human features of coastal regions across the United Kingdom, including a detailed exploration of the coastal town of Whitby, in Yorkshire.

In **science** we will be teaching the children about the uses of everyday materials and how materials' properties make them suitable or unsuitable for specific purposes. They begin to explore how materials can be changed. After half-term the children will learn about the growth of plants from seeds and bulbs. They observe the growth of plants firsthand, recording changes over time and identifying what plants need to grow and stay healthy.

Our 'Flower Head' project in **art** teaches children about the visual elements of flowers, including shape, texture, colour, pattern and form. They also explore various artistic methods, including drawing, printmaking and 3-D forms, using paper and clay.

We will also undertake a 'Beach Hut' project in **Design and Technology** which teaches children about making and strengthening structures, including different ways of joining materials.

Our outdoor **PE** lessons this term will involve ball skills and sending and receiving and our indoor lessons will follow a Yoga unit and then a dance unit.

The units of work for **music** this term are 'I wanna play in a band' where the children will sing, play, improvise and compose with a song, children will also listen and appraise classic Rock songs. After half-term the children will follow the same pattern of learning for a reggae song called 'zootime'.

Our **computing** lessons will follow units about effective searching, online safety and questioning where the children will be introduced to binary tree diagrams, databases and learn more about the internet and search engines.

PSHE (including Relationship, Sex and Health Education)

In the first half term, our Jigsaw topic will be 'Dream and Goals': We will learn about what dreams and goals are and how we can work towards achieving your own personal goals. In the second half term our topic will be 'Healthy Me'. They will learn about how to be healthy through healthy eating, exercise and cleanliness, being relaxed and about medicine safety.

Outdoor Classroom

Children will have outdoor classroom days throughout the year. An email/letter will be sent once these term dates are decided. Please ensure children are dressed appropriately in old, warm clothes and have a waterproof coat. Hats and gloves will also be needed in winter as we aim to be outside in all but the most extreme weathers. Welly boots should be brought to school in a carrier bag and the children wear clean shoes to school to be worn indoors.

Key

reminders

PE: Our PE days are Wednesday (outdoor PE) and Friday (indoor PE). Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kits on those days, and bring joggers and sweaters when the weather is colder.

Book Bags: Please bring book bags to school every day (with your child's Reading Record).

Water Bottles: Please ensure your child has a bottle of water (not juice) in the classroom for drinking throughout the day. They may have juice in their lunchbox but no fizzy drinks.

Packed Lunches: We have peanut allergies in school so we ask that no children have nuts or nut based snacks/spreads in their lunchboxes. We are a healthy school and ask that children do not bring in chocolates or sweets for lunch.

School Dinners: Please ensure you book your child's school dinner by Friday midnight for the following week. If your child does not eat enough school lunch we will send a note home to inform you.

Medication: Please let us know if your child has to take any prescribed medication at school. There is a green form for you to fill in so that we can administer it. We can only give prescribed medication and the medication must have the prescription label on. Please phone the school if your child is off sick. If you have a medical appointment please let the office know.

Birthdays: If it is your child's birthday they can come to school in their home clothes. Please do not bring cake/sweets.

Key dates for the Spring term

Outdoor classroom: Dates to follow

Last day of 1st half term: Friday 10th February

First day of 2nd half term: Monday 20th February

Parent consultation phone calls: Week beginning 27th February - exact dates to follow.

Last day of 2nd half term: Friday 31st March

Thank you for your support,
Mr. Luxton, Mrs Bentham and Mrs. Hudson-Pike

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