

Year 2SM Spring 2 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are all looking forward to new learning in our next topic. Our new topic is called the **Jurassic Era**. We hope that you find the following information useful in supporting your child's learning at home.

Our long and medium term plans outline the activities and key skills that the children will be covering. When undertaking this work, we will be focussing on giving the children many opportunities to develop independent learning skills. You can view all of the exciting things we will be learning about the long term and medium term plans. These can be accessed on the school website at www.bankfootprimary.co.uk

Historians

As historians the children will be studying the life of a significant person from the past, Mary Anning. She found dinosaur bones in a place called Lyme Regis during Victorian times. The children will be finding out about her discoveries and how her findings have helped scientists to work out what life on Planet Earth was like over 60 million years ago!



Geographers

As geographers the children will continue to explore the non-European country of China, making comparisons to studying a locality here in Britain, Lyme Regis, the seaside hometown of the famous historian, Mary Anning. After identifying mass features such as where in the world each country is and on which continent, we will compare physical features, asking how some of the physical features are similar or different to that of our own. To do this, the children will use maps, atlases, photographs and the internet.



Responding to Reading

Please listen to your child read and encourage your child to discuss what they have read. Ask questions about the character's actions, thoughts and feelings; make predictions about what might happen and give reasons why.

How children respond to questions is a key part in all areas of the curriculum. By questioning their understanding of what they are reading will develop valuable skills, across the curriculum.

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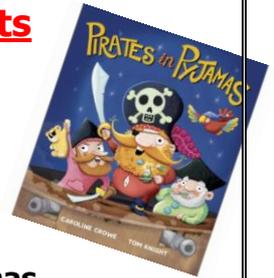
Preparing for SATs

As discussed in our Parent Information meeting at the end of Year 1, across the country children in Year 2 are expected to undertake Standardised Assessment Tests (SATs) to assess their knowledge and progress at this stage of their schooling. All children in England were assessed at the end of Reception, SATs monitor the progress made since then. Attendance is always crucial at school, naturally ill health is hard to avoid. However, missing aspects of the curriculum can result in children not having knowledge and key skills to help them undertake some of the tasks presented in the SATs.

Towards the latter end of this half term, the type of homework you child receives will begin to change. Some of the homework tasks will be in-line with styles commonly presented in SATs questions. Please help your child with these challenges, if you have any questions or require assistance in understanding questions and the systems the children are familiar with here at school, please come and see me.

Forth coming events

World Book Day
Thursday 7 March
Bedtime Stories
Year 2
Pirates in Pyjamas
Come to school in pyjamas



Close for end of term
Friday 12 April 2019

Re-open
Monday 29 April 2019



Finally...

We very much acknowledge, appreciate and value the support you give your child. The school/home partnership plays an extremely important role in your child's progress and their learning journey. We would like every child to attend the Morning Club at 8.20 am everyday which will support your child's learning. Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Year 2 team.