

Year 2 Newsletter Spring One

Welcome back!

Happy new year to you all and we hope that you had a fantastic Christmas break.

A massive thank you to those children who made their own arctic shoe box over the holidays. We have shared these with our class and the children who made them have received Achievement Points to celebrate their efforts. These scenes lead us nicely into our topic this term, that topic is 'Frozen Planet'. We are already loving this topic and have started to look at the difference between the two Poles and being able to identify them correctly on a map. We also have some exciting outdoor learning planned this term with our children becoming polar explorers and re-creating a polar expedition.

LITERACY

This term we are looking at a book written by author Oliver Jeffers. He is quickly becoming one of our favourite authors in year 2 with his heart felt stories and wonderful illustrations. The title of the book we are looking at closely is 'Lost and Found'. It is a tale about a boy and a penguin and their emotional journey together.

We will be looking to take our fictional writing to new heights this term and really improve our creative writing by thinking carefully about the reader. We have discussed how, when we write, the reader is the most important person and our writing must try to give them the best experience.

One way to do this will be to include some key language features as well as letting our creativity flow.

Key vocabulary:

suffix	exclamation	command
conjunctions	punctuation	adjectives
verbs	nouns	adverbs

Mathematics

Firstly this term we will be continuing to develop our ability to multiply and divide numbers accurately. We are then going to be looking at various units of measure. Everything from cm to ml and g (grams) to °C. This will be done using a fun, hands on approach where children will be able to use these units of measure in a real life situation.

We have been blown away by the response to our Mathletics programme and the link is below to help this continue. We are handing out lots of awards for Mathletics every week so keep up the good work.

Also stay tuned this term for our release of the world famous Time Tables Rockstars. This will be coming soon to help our children to improve their times table knowledge and recall.

Key vocabulary:

units	measure	weight	length
temperature	time	multiplication	
division	arrays	volume	



SCIENCE

In science this term we will be looking at living things and their offspring. We will be aiming to name common animals and also name their offspring. As well as this we will be looking at identifying what is living, never lived and is deceased.

We are also going to be taking a closer look at ourselves and more importantly our diet. We will be designing our own healthy plates and will hopefully be able to cook some tasty and healthy food.

Key Vocabulary:

habitat	diet	offspring
protein	carbohydrate	
fat	sugar	vitamins
		minerals





Other Curriculum Areas

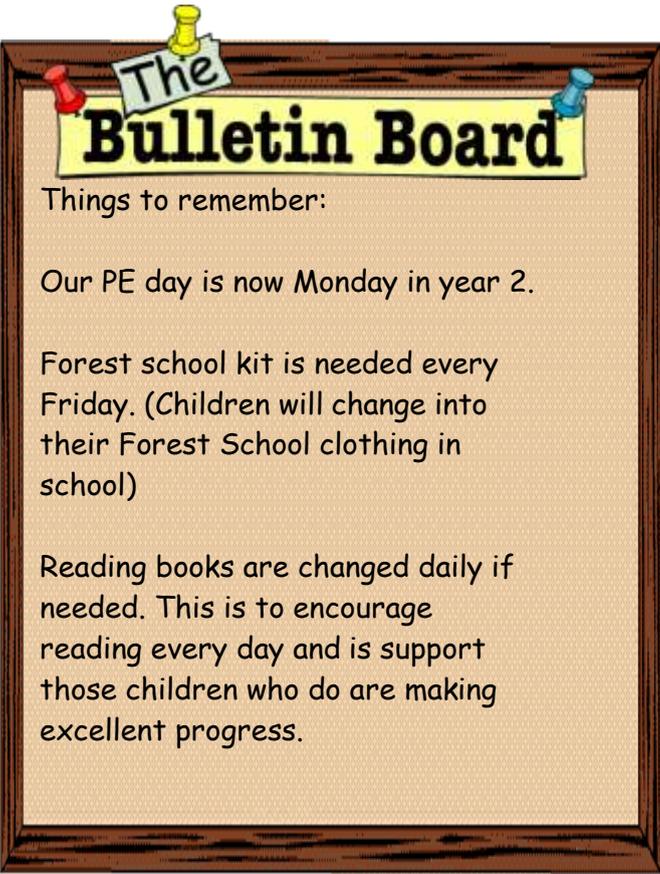
PE - We will be continuing to look at team games and start to play some basic sports using the skills we have learnt.

RE - In RE we will continue to explore relationships between religions and look at the similarities and differences across them.

PSHE - This term we will be completing activities linked to our class assemblies. We will look at the world around us and how we can achieve our goals.

Music - This term, we will be exploring music through our Charanga programme.

Computing - We will be using computers as a research tool and looking at what can and can't be trusted online.



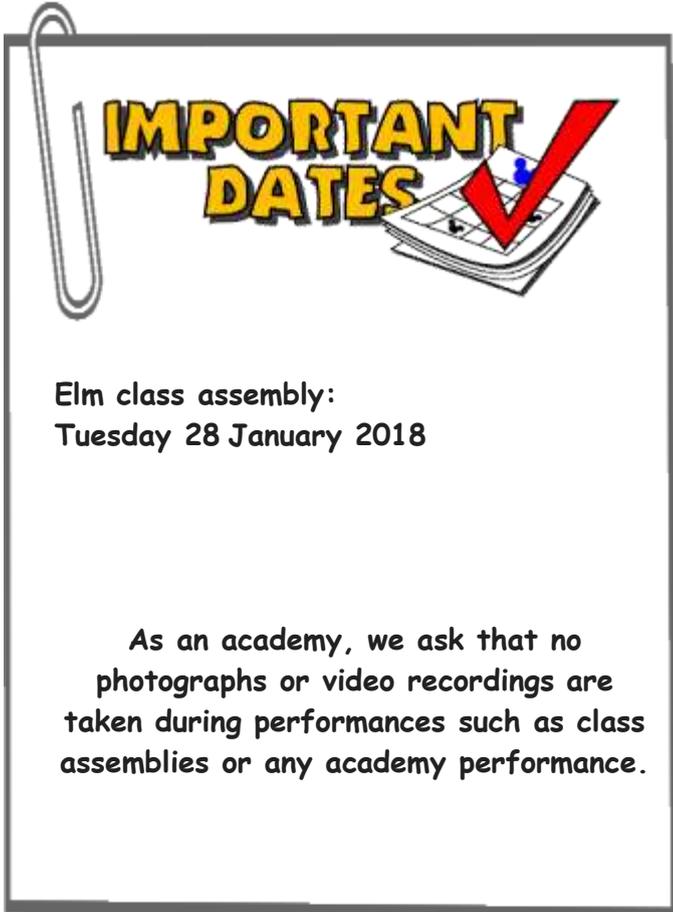
The Bulletin Board

Things to remember:

Our PE day is now Monday in year 2.

Forest school kit is needed every Friday. (Children will change into their Forest School clothing in school)

Reading books are changed daily if needed. This is to encourage reading every day and is support those children who do are making excellent progress.



IMPORTANT DATES

Elm class assembly:
Tuesday 28 January 2018

As an academy, we ask that no photographs or video recordings are taken during performances such as class assemblies or any academy performance.

Maths link: <http://uk.mathletics.com/>

Literacy link: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>

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

Topic link:



It's time to find out about

Frozen Planet

What are the Polar Regions like and where are they?

We will read, observe and discuss the Polar Regions.

Then we will make sure that we can distinguish clearly between the two regions and be able to identify both on a map.

Our observations and research will lead us to compare climates across the globe. Is it winter everywhere?



Can I compare the Polar Regions to the UK?

We will once again use our knowledge of physical and human factors as we look at the geography of each area. Our focus, when comparing the two, will be temperature and we will use what we have learnt in Maths to help us study this closely.

Who are the Inuit?

Amazingly there are communities of people who live in these harsh conditions and we will look at one of these communities. We will submerge ourselves in the life of an Inuit and imagine what it would be like to live in such a harsh place.

Who is Scott and what is his story?

During this half term, one of the world's most famous explorers will be brought to life as we re-tell his story. We will see the dangers he faced and the obstacles he overcame on his expedition. As well as this, we will look at how an expedition would look now and what could explorers use to help them survive.

What is living and do they have offspring?

This will kick start our science focus where we will identify animals and their offspring. We will also be able to sort items correctly into three categories; living, never lived and deceased. We will also start to think about the needs of animals, in particularly their offspring.

What do humans need to stay healthy?

We will design a healthy plate for us and look at the importance of a balanced diet.