



We are looking forward to another exciting half term and we would like to share with you the topics we will be learning about. Please speak to a member of the FS2 team if you have any questions or comments about your child's learning.

Best wishes,

Mrs Burkinshaw, Mrs Green, Mrs Sykes (FS2 Teachers)

Mrs Peters, Mrs Osborne and Mrs Clements (FS2 Teaching Assistants)

WORLD BOOK DAY

Book week

We are really looking forward to seeing you dressed up as your favourite story character on World Book Day (**Thursday 7th March**).



During this week we will be learning about dandelions and magpies as part of "The Lost Words" book study. We will use our drawing and colour mixing skills to create our own artwork to display around school.

English

We will be helping your child to develop their interest in books by sharing rhymes and text together.

This half term we will find out more about the author Giles Andreae and share the following texts:

- The Chimpanzees of Happy Town
- Rumble in the Jungle
- Giraffes can't dance



We will also read:

- Non-fiction texts about jungle creatures
- The Tiger who came to tea by Judith Kerr
- Where the Wild things are by Maurice Sendak

We have daily phonics sessions to help your child to recognise and form letters. This half term we will continue to focus on Phase 3 Letters and Sounds.

Home Learning

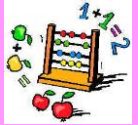
We had a fantastic response to last half terms home learning books. This half term we will be sending out a new home learning planner with ideas and activities which will support your child's learning.

We encourage daily reading and sharing books with your child. Please remember to record comments about your child's reading and other learning in the home-school diary. Lots of parents and children are now using the change my reading book box on a regular basis, we hope that this will continue this half term.



Maths

We believe that learning through play and experiencing practical activities is the best way for our children to develop their mathematical skills.



This half term we will be developing your child's mathematical skills by:

- Saying the number that is 1 more and 1 less
- Beginning to recognise doubles e.g. 2+2
- Solving problems by sharing



Opportunities at home to learn about number, shape, space, sorting and matching:

- Order objects by their weight e.g. heaviest to lightest or by their length e.g. shortest to longest
- Order events using time related words e.g. first, second, third, yesterday, today, tomorrow
- Play guess my number e.g. I am 1 more than 5. What am I? (6)

chatta

"Chatta time"

This half term we will be having weekly "Chatta time." Chatta is an app that we will be using to develop the children's communication and language skills. Please look out for our "chatta" in the class room – we are looking forward to sharing chats with you soon! If you would like to use Chatta at home then please see the parents' information board for more details.

Attendance and Punctuality



Our school attendance target is **97%**.

The school doors open at 8:40am and registration starts at 8:50am.

If your child is absent please contact the school office on: 0114 2697557.

Important dates

FS2's PE day is Wednesday – please make sure that your child has their PE kit in school.

Wednesday 20th March – Early Parents' Evening

Thursday 21st March – Late Parents' Evening

Friday 29th March – Inset Day

