

English

Abc

During the Spring Term we will be focusing on a number of different fiction and non-fiction texts all around our termly themes "Wonder World" and 'Blast Off.'

We will be working with the children on their grammar, spelling and punctuation and placing an increased emphasis on reading comprehension.

In writing, we will be exploring different writing formats including descriptive writing, recounts, reports and instructions. We will be heavily focusing on improving handwriting and other Year 2 skills such as:

- Capital letters.
- Punctuation (. ! , ? ')
- Use of adjectives when writing
- Writing expanded noun phrases and using conjunctions (and, but, so, because, or).
- Editing and improving our work.

Homework

Each week your child can access a new set of homework and this will be recorded by their class teacher and rewards given for completion.

Each week they should be reading at least 3 times per week.

They should also be learning their spellings.

Additionally there will be a maths based homework on one of the websites or Apps.



Year 2

Spring Term 2023

At Forest Lodge Academy

Welcome to the Spring Term. This newsletter will tell you about what is happening in school this term.

If you have any questions over the next term please feel free to speak to Miss Greaves, Mr Jagatia, Miss Andrews or any other member of staff who will be available on our Year 2 email address which is:

Forestyear2@forestlodgeacademy.co.uk

Reports about your child's progress will be given to you during the Spring Term and you will have an opportunity to discuss these and any other issues with your child's class teacher during parents evening.



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Year 2 staff

- Miss Greaves (2CG)
- Mr Jagatia (2VJ)
- Miss Andrews (2AA)
- Miss Frost (Interventions)
- Miss Lippitt (Interventions)
- Miss Partington (2AA)
- Mrs Mundin (2CG)
- Ms Scott-Collins (2VJ)
- Miss Couch (2VJ) (1-2-1 SEND support)
- Mrs Newbold (2AA) (1-2-1 SEND support)



As always we are happy to talk to you about any issues or concerns you might have.

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Mathematics

Throughout the Spring Term Year 2 children will learn about a variety of areas in mathematics. The focus for this half term are:

- Working with money including recognising coin and note values and addition and subtraction using money.
- Division and multiplication.
- Fractions.
- Problem solving.

All children have log ins for Times Tables Rock Stars, a fun way of learning times tables. This is a great and way to learn maths and the children use this in school too!

Reading

We believe that reading is a vital skill for children, we would encourage children to be reading regularly if possible, at least three times a week. This will be monitored in class and children who read at home regularly will be rewarded.

This term our focus is on building children's understanding of what they are reading (comprehension), so we would appreciate your help with this. When reading with your child ask them questions about what they have read. Some ideas are:

- **Who is the author/illustrator?**
- **What was the story about?**
- **Who were the main characters?**
- **What happened at the end of the story?**
- **Was the text fiction or non-fiction?**
- **If it was non-fiction can you show me how you use an index page/content page or glossary?**
- **What happened on page 7?**
- **What was your favourite part of the text/story?**
- **Any other general questions relating to the text.**
- **Stopping and asking what they have read so far and making predictions about what will happen next.**



SATs

As far as we are aware the Government still intends to hold SATs for pupils in Year 2 in Summer Term 1 (May 2023). As such we are preparing our pupils for SATs testing in reading, maths and GAPS. We will be running a meeting on **Thursday 19th January at 3:30pm**. A letter has already gone home to give you further information.



Diary Dates

Thursday 19th January- Year 2 SATs parents meeting.

Tuesday 7th February-Safer Internet Day.

Wednesday 15th February- Reports home.

Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd February-Parents Evening-details to be given nearer the time.

Monday 13th-Friday 17th March-Science Week.



Connected Curriculum

Our Topic this term will be Wonder World and blast off. We will be learning about our local area as well as the amazing world around us. The main focus for the children will be geography. However, all the foundation subjects will be taught in connected curriculum.



PE

The PE lesson times for Year 2 are as follows:

2AA - Tuesday and Thursday

2VJ & 2CG – Thursday and Friday

Please ensure your child comes to school in an appropriate P.E Kit (black/blue shorts or jogging bottoms a white t-shirt and a black/blue sweater or hooded jumper and trainers) dependent upon the weather. This is because we will be outside for most P.E sessions so need to ensure your child is wearing sensible P.E clothes.



Spellings

Your child will be provided with spellings to learn at home each week and it is important that these are practiced weekly using the sheet given and the look, cover, write, check method as spelling them correctly forms part of the expected standard for writing at the end of Year 2.

