



Year 2

Spring Term 2024



Welcome back to the new term, we hope you are all ready for another exciting term in Year Two with us.

This term, our theme is "Life Down Under". This theme will see us exploring life in New South Wales, Australia. We will be learning about the people and animals that call Australia their home. We will also be learning about the landscapes and landmarks in Australia, and then comparing these with our local area in Gloucestershire.

We are really excited about this theme which gives us an opportunity for some really creative art and DT work, inspired by Aboriginal Australia. We will be using a great range of stories to support our work including: The Dreamtime tale Tiddalik; The Frog Who Caused a Flood; Wombat Stew; The Tin Forest and The Flower.

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Please remember you can contact us via email or Class Dojo, or at the door at the start and end of the day.

VISITOR

We have booked an aboriginal music workshop. We are really looking forward to welcoming this visitor to our school. The date and cost has gone out on the Class Dojo.

NO FOREST SCHOOL

There will be no Forest School this term, as Year 2 have already received their allocated time for the year, during Autumn Term.

Homework

The most important part of your child's homework is to read. We would ideally like them to read daily, but if this isn't possible then we ask for a minimum of three times per week.

This term we will also be sending home maths fluency sheets on a Wednesday to practice the skills of addition and subtraction. Please can we ask that these are completed for the following Wednesday.

PE days

PE is an important aspect of a healthy lifestyle and we aim for our pupils to lead active lifestyles to develop a healthy and happy mind and body. All children are required to participate in 2 hours of PE each week. **PE will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons this term. The children will need PE kits in school to change into. They have an outdoor and indoor session, so please make sure they are suitable for all weathers.**

Wednesday— Dance (indoor)

Thursday—Hockey (outdoor)

Reading at home

If a child reads for 15 minutes a day, they could acquire up to 2 million new words in a year!

Reading is the most important skill children will learn at school and reading at home makes such a difference to children's learning. Children can change their books as and when they finish them, but there is an expectation for children to communicate that they need a new book. This supports our ethos that reading forms the foundation of better learning across all areas of the curriculum. We will write a comment in their reading diaries when reading with children in school, we ask that you do the same so we can ensure that our children are reading everyday to an adult.

Thank you,

Mrs Macdonald and Miss Fenton