



NICHOLAS HAWKSMOOR
PRIMARY SCHOOL

An Academy of Academic, Artistic, Athletic and Excellence

Spring Term

Year Two Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Welcome back to school. We hope you all had a restful break over the Christmas holidays and would like to take the opportunity to wish you a happy 2018!

Following a successful and busy Autumn Term we would like to fill you in on what will be happening in Year 2 in the Spring Term. In order to develop the children's independence we would appreciate if the children in Mrs Marchini's class could be left at the external double doors so that they can make their own way into the classroom and sort out their belongings for the day. Thank you.

Subject Overviews

English

The children will begin this term's work exploring a range of Pirate stories, including pirate language and sounds. We will be reviewing learned and learning new punctuation which we will be encouraging the children to look for in their reading and to use in their writing. We will continue with our phonics and handwriting sessions in addition to weekly grammar lessons. After half term we will be using the book "Funnybones" to write a newspaper report which will include an eyewitness statement. The children will ask and answer questions as well as use Standard English and noun phrases to write descriptive sentences. We will continue our reading groups: some of these may change based on the individual progress of each child. The day on which they read will be noted on the outside of their Reading Record. We will also start our comprehension lessons this term.

Maths

In our Maths lessons we will continue to build on the mathematical skills learned in the Autumn Term. These skills will cover Number and Place Value (Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division), Measurement (Time, Mass, Capacity and Money), Geometry (Shape and Position and Direction) and Statistics. We will continue to practise rapid recall of multiplication facts and times tables.

Science

In Science this term we will be looking at The Environment. The children will be introduced to the ecological challenges that face the modern world. They will undertake a range of activities that challenge them to engage with environmental issues and to understand the simple changes we can make to live more sustainable lives. In Spring 2, the children will learn about how humans and other animals are born, grow and change, and what we need to survive and be healthy. The children will classify different kinds of animal babies, learn about the basic needs that are shared by humans and animals, and research the differing needs of animals within our care. Focusing their own experiences, children will explore the need for humans to eat a varied diet, to keep themselves clean and to take regular exercise.

Events

Friday 5 January

Pantomime in school
Autumn 2 Projects due
in

Monday 29 January 6pm-7pm

FS and KSI Phonics and
Reading Information
Evening

Tuesday 30 January Samuel Pepys visit

Thursday 8 February
4.30pm-5.15pm
Y1-3 Heroes and
Heroines Disco

Friday 9 February Whole school Science day

Friday 23 February
Spring 1 Projects due in

Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 February Parents' Evenings

Thursday 1 March
World Book Day

Thursday 15 March
Jo Elijah visit (Judaism)

**Wednesday
21 March**
Visit to the
Oxford University
Museum of Natural
History

Friday 23 March
Sport Relief

Thursday 29 March
9.15am
KSI Easter Service

Home Learning

Please continue to
support your child with
learning by reading and
practising spellings and
Instant Recall facts.

Subject Overviews

Computing

In Computing the children will explore how games work and will edit and programme simple games using Scratch, building simple algorithms to achieve specific outcomes within the game.

Humanities

Our Geography lessons will provide the opportunity for the children to familiarise themselves with maps and the use of atlases and to learn about the symbols associated with maps.

Over the course of the Spring term in History we will be learning about Samuel Pepys and the Great Fire of London. We will even have a visit from Samuel Pepys himself (see Events)!

In RE in Spring 2 we will be learning about the importance of the Torah to people of the Jewish faith and finding out about some of its contents and the influence it has on the lives of Jewish people.

PSHE

In PSHE this term our topic will be Looking at the Wider World. Within this we will study Rules, Rights and Responsibilities, Caring for the Environment and the impact of money on our lives.

PE (Gym)

Following on from our Real PE scheme, this term we will be working from the Real Gym curriculum. The children will learn fundamental movement skills while at the same time building strength, flexibility and fluidity of movement. Swimming lessons will continue every week for Year 2 on a Monday afternoon. Please ensure that your child has the correct swimming kit in school. Mrs Marchini's class will leave at 1pm to swim at 1.30pm and Miss Grant's class will leave at 1.30pm to swim at 2.00pm.

The Arts

Art: after studying photographs/images of Tudor houses, the children will sketch their own designs to use as a template for a clay house. The house will be fired and glaze added. A collaborative painted background will be created using paints and mixed media.

Music: we will be exploring sound, voices, instruments and simple scores through a range of activities.

DT: our topic in Spring 2 will be a healthy diet. The children will try different foods and consider what constitutes a healthy diet. They will design a healthy meal.

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