

Year 2 Newsletter

Spring 1 2024



Happy New Year to you all!!

We can't believe how quickly time is passing by and that we are now entering the Spring term and heading speedily through the year! We ended Autumn term on a high, with fantastic performance of 'Born in A Barn' which was a wonderful enrichment to our curriculum and developed our learning in so many ways.

The children were incredible in every way, and we are so proud of them – we have discovered some budding talents!

We are looking forward to the term ahead; it is going to be a busy one, full of many new and exciting learning opportunities. We have so much to learn and can't wait to get going!

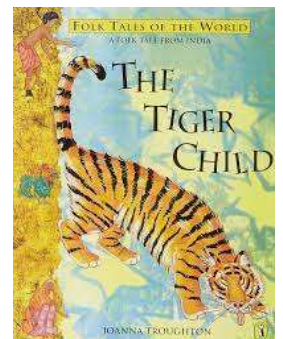
As ever, we are so grateful for parental support – it makes such a huge difference to the progress of the children, and we are so grateful to be working in partnership with you. If you need to speak to a member of the teaching team, you can do this at the end of the school day (once all children have been dismissed safely) or you can contact us on year2@priorityrise.milton-keynes.sch.uk.

We will be able to respond to emails outside of teaching hours – we do not have emails pop up in lessons for safeguarding reasons. If you have a message for us during teaching time (8.25-3.10), please contact the office. We will strive to get back to you as soon as we can.

Incredible India



Our learning this term begins with our, 'Incredible India!' theme and many of our subjects will link to make the learning immersive. In **English**, we will be reading a traditional tale from India called, 'The Tiger Child' and will be using this to re-tell the story and to adapt it to create our own versions of the tale. In addition, we will be learning about real tigers and will be creating our own fact files. In **RE** we will be learning the story of Prahlad and Holika. This story links to the Hindu faith and to the celebration of the festival of Holi as we head into Spring 2 and March. We will be learning about Holi and how it is celebrated around the world.



Our learning in **Geography** will link to our learning in English, looking at non-fiction texts about wildlife in India. We will be learning about Life in India. We will be finding out where India is in the world and what the climate is like. We will be comparing life in Indian cities and countryside to our lives in Milton Keynes. We are very excited about finding out about the experiences of lots of our families who have family living in India or who have visited India.

Our **artwork** will also be inspired by India, with Rangoli patterns, Mendhi and Warli art to keep us busy and creative!

Enrichment: INDIA DAY: Friday 1st March 2024



We are super excited that we will be having an India day where we will learn many things about the country, some of its **History**, important buildings and key people. On this day, we will wear the colours of the Indian flag and for those who would like to, the children can wear their own special Indian clothes.

In past years, we have had some of our Year 2 children demonstrate Indian dancing to the Year group, Yoga, Indian songs and even had some traditional musical instruments demonstrated. We welcome all contributions!

We need your help and your expertise!

We have been so fortunate in recent years for the contributions of parents on our India day. These have ranged from PowerPoints, travel blogs, videos of traditional dance, a yoga demonstration, Bollywood dancing and so much more!

We welcome all contributions from parents. If you would like to support us, please talk to a member of the Year 2 team, or contact us on: year2@prioryrise.milton-keynes.sch.uk

How to support your child at home



Reading like a storyteller

Reading Homework: We would like your child to read for a short while each night. Reading is so important to all other areas of the curriculum and opens a world of learning to your child. We see it as a **vital** part of their home learning. Thank you so much for sharing books, hearing your child read aloud their decodable phonics reading books and for sharing the colour banded books.

The **phonic books** allow for the children to read to you in confidence, using their blending of sounds to read new and unfamiliar words. The additional **colour banded** books offer further opportunities to share a wide variety of reading materials to build language knowledge, learn new facts and travel to both real and imaginary worlds! We want your child to have a breadth of reading texts to enjoy the pleasure of reading.

Hearing your child read and sharing the colour banded books really does make a huge difference to the progress your child makes.

Please pop in comments each time that you hear your child read.



We are continuing to teach phonics every day, revisiting previously learned sounds and learning new rules and more complex words. We are now focussing on our spelling as we have completed the Little Wandle teaching programme of all sounds. We are now using Little Wandle Bridge to Spelling.

We track all the Year 1 and Year 2 tricky words that children need to know how to spell and use in their writing as well as the high frequency words. Please help your child to learn the words, they can be found on the Year 2 learning page.

We will be doing another check towards the end of January. We will send home their results so that you can support them. We are teaching a few of the words every day and identifying why they are tricky and where the 'Danger Zone' is in each word.

There is a list of all spelling sounds taught in Year 2 on our teaching and learning page.

We send home weekly information about the sounds taught and words to over-learn at home. These are via Google Classroom every Friday.

My Maths

Homework is set every Friday and links to areas of Maths that we have already taught to ensure the children feel confidence and have success. Each activity can be done as many times as needed /desired.



This is enhanced by TTRockstars- Keep an eye out for class and interclass challenges!

Apps and online English resources

Phonics:

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?q=phonics>

<https://www.phonicsbloom.com/>

Reading

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>

How to teach your monster to read (app)

Maths

TTRockstars (app with a class code)

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

VALUES and supporting texts

Dates for your diary

5th February – wear something yellow for Mental Health Awareness

9th February – Chinese New year – wear red/gold/yellow/ traditional dress

Monday 12th February: 3:30 – 7pm Parent consultations (In school)

Thursday 15th February: 3:30 – 5:30 Parent consultations (In school)

Friday 16th February – **End of half term**

Friday 1st March – India Day – enrichment day for Year 2 only

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day

The team supporting our Year 2 children:

Mrs Kate Truan : Assistant Head , Year Leader , Rosen Class teacher

Mrs Emily Dean: Rosen Class teacher

Miss Emma Bulford: Donaldson Class Teacher

Miss Lucy Scrivener: Bright Class Teacher



Support Staff:

Miss Victoria Stanton

Mrs Jen O'Regan

Mrs Lucy Terry

Mrs Emma Hobbs

Miss Debbie Tatum

Miss Hannah Laight

Learning Mentor :

Miss Lucy Ashby

Music Teacher

Mrs Tanya Horwood

PE Team

Mr Liam Symthe

Mr Lawrie Neale

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Thank you so much for all of your incredible support in helping your children and working in partnership with us ! We are always keen to use the knowledge and expertise of our parents.

