



# Year Two Newsletter



Spring Two Edition

## Attendance

Year Two's attendance from September to the end of Spring 1 was 95%.

**Good attendance is 96%.** As you can see we are almost there! If your child is absent they miss out on lots of exciting learning opportunities. Poor attendance disadvantages a child's learning and can affect their ability to sustain friendships. **Please help your child to get the most out of their education by bringing them to school every day, on time.**



## Home Reading

Reading together is really important. Please remember we expect children to read their reading books every night.

We also need children to bring their book bags with their reading books and diary in **every day**.

Thank you for working with us to enable your child to reach their full potential.

## Dates for the diary

**Wednesday 28th February**- Trip to Botanical Gardens

**Thursday 1st March** - World Book Day all children to dress up as their favourite character from a book.

**Wednesday 21st March** - Sports Relief (more information to follow)

**Monday 26th March** - Autism Awareness Day (more information to follow)

**Thursday 22nd March** - School Nurse Drop In 10.00 am -12.00 pm

**Wednesday 28th March** - Open Afternoon 3.10 pm - 5 pm

**Friday 30th March** - Break Up for Easter

## Food Hygiene

We are very pleased to say that we achieved a 5 star food hygiene certificate from the Foods Standard Agency again this year. This is the highest level. Well done to all of our kitchen staff!



## Homework Launch!

- Following the success of our homework meeting during open evening (where we asked you to share your thoughts on our new style homework) we are very excited that this Friday the children will be coming home with their brand new homework books!
- Homework will now be half termly. Children will now have a homework menu from which they can choose the homework activities they would like to complete. We hope you find this more manageable and that the children find it more enjoyable as they can choose from a range of activities. More information will be given out on Friday.

# Extreme Environments



This half term we will be continuing our topic of extreme environments. We will be focusing on rainforests and to support the children with their learning we will be visiting the Botanical Gardens.

In English the children will be focusing on how to use all of the correct punctuation in their writing, thinking about apostrophes, commas, exclamation marks and question marks. They will also continue to build on their knowledge of different sentence types, focusing on writing commands.

Conjunctions when, if, that and because will also be taught to create subordination in a sentence e.g. *I like Science because it is fun.* As well as this there will be a big emphasis on joining handwriting, ensuring that the joins come from the correct place and also thinking about how the children can make simple improvements in their writing to make it better.

In phonics the children will be learning about the different rules that are applied when adding *es* at the end of a word to turn the word from singular to plural, as well as learning the rules when adding *ing*, *ed* and *est* at the end of a word.

In Maths we will be using mathematical vocabulary to describe position, direction and movement. We will be rotating and using the term right angle for quarter, half and three quarter turns (clockwise and anticlockwise). We will also be choosing and using appropriate standard units to measure length/height in cm/m, mass kg/g, temperature and capacity in l/ml.