



## Spring 1

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

World Hijab Day - Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February  
Children's Mental Health Week - 7<sup>th</sup>- 13<sup>th</sup> February  
Year 2 Trip to London Zoo - Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February

Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February  
Half Term - Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February - Friday  
18<sup>st</sup> February.

Start of Spring 2 term - Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February

### OUR LEARNING JOURNEY SO FAR...

We all definitely enjoyed the lights, camels and action that took place during the fabulous winter production: well done Year 2! A wonderful winter break gives us the 'spring' in our step ready to take on the exciting challenges this term has in store for us!

### NEW TOPIC

This term's topic is entitled Rainforests, as we delve into the wonders of rainforest layers, while comparing their tropical climates to others across planet Earth. Our big question is *Why are rainforests important?*, so we will look at what life-forms they support, and how our world would be without them.

### MINDFULNESS

We will continue to provide daily opportunities for mindfulness, the purpose of which being to help our students understand what mindful, calm thoughts are, and how to access them in order to self-regulate. We hope this research-driven initiative will help to reduce anxiety, promote self-reflection and develop self-awareness.

**PE DAYS (both classes):** Monday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor).

Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit for these days (white polo shirt, black/navy blue jogging bottoms (outdoor), shorts (indoor) and trainers.

**Mega Mile:** This year, the children will be running the 'Mega Mile' on Tuesday as part of our school's commitment to healthy living. Please ensure that your child wears suitable footwear on this day.

## Year 2 Learning Letter

### English

Our English learning this term will be focused on information texts in conjunction with our new topic. We will be looking at the layout and language features of this non-fiction text type moving to writing facts and grouping them to create paragraphs around a topic. We will ask questions about rainforest animals and use different methods to research these animals. By the end of the topic, we will have the skills to write our own information text for a webpage about our chosen rainforest animal.

### Phonics

At Fairlawn, we teach phonics daily. A secure knowledge of phonics provides children with the foundation they need to become fluent readers and writers.

To enable you to support your child's phonics learning at home, we will be sending home an information sheet every Friday in addition to the usual spellings sheet. This sheet will show you the phonics/spelling rule that we are learning about. There will also be an activity on the sheet that you can do with your child.

### MATHS

Our maths learning will start with becoming fluent with adding and subtracting within ten and moving on to addition and subtraction of two-digit numbers. We will then introduce our mathematicians to multiplication.

Maths home learning will be set every **Friday** by the class teacher and returned the following **Wednesday**, as well as a challenge set on Sumdog if your child wants to give it a go. Children will also have access to Times Table Rockstars and Numbots, which they can use to practise their times tables and number bonds.

### SCIENCE

Habitats: Throughout this unit, we will be exploring creatures and their environments, while also analysing how the features of living things aid their survival. Furthermore, we will identify, classify and compare habitats, micro-habitats and the species they support.

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