



Spring 2

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Parents' Evening via Zoom - Monday 28th
February and Wednesday 2nd March
World Book Day - Thursday 3rd March
Red Nose Day - Friday 18th March
World Maths Day - Wednesday 23rd March
Year 2 Assembly - Friday 1st April (details to be confirmed)
Last day of term - Friday 1st April
Start of Summer 1 term - Tuesday 19th April

OUR LEARNING JOURNEY SO FAR...

Spring 1 was full of fabulous learning and concluded with a wonderful trip to London Zoo. After exploring the depths of the rainforests, and the animals that inhabit them, we are definitely ready for a topic focused closer to home in Spring 2. As longer days approach, year 2 look forward to a successful term with a "green" theme.

NEW TOPIC

This term's topic is entitled Tomorrow's World: recycle today for a better tomorrow. Throughout we will be exploring how to live sustainably, and our impact upon planet Earth and its surroundings.

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.

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 continue with the addition and subtraction of two-digit numbers. We will then introduce our mathematicians to multiplication and division.

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 they want to give it a go. Children will also have access to Times Table Rockstars and Numbots, which they can use to practice their times tables and number bonds.

SCIENCE

Living Things: We will start the unit by looking at what makes something living, not living or once living. We will then look at how living things have offspring and the growth of these offspring including some life cycles.

World Book Day

The theme for world book day is 'you are a reader'. We are suggesting that children come in as a 'word' and maybe decorate an old t-shirt. Recycling and upcycling is definitely a theme to go with Tomorrow's World and coming in as a word or phrase from a favourite book will link well with our vocabulary learning. There are lots of simple ideas on the internet.

As part of our World Book Day plans, we and the PTA are hoping to build each class's book collection, particularly in the area of diversity promotion and anti-racism issues. We're asking parents to support this by purchasing a book from an Amazon 'wish list' that each class teacher has put together. A link to your class's list is included below.

Please do support this project by buying a book, to be sent directly to the school, if you can. The deadline is Friday 18th March and books should be sent directly to the school. The address should be automatically updated on Amazon but it is: Fairlawn Primary School, Honor Oak Road, London, SE23 3SB.

Many thanks in advance for your support and please do contact either your class teacher or the PTA with any queries. We look forward to receiving your book donations!

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Children's Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week was a great success and gave our children the opportunity to think, explore and discuss the importance of nurturing our own mental health. Please see the link below, providing lots of information about what other schools have done and what parents/teachers can do in the future.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/news/>

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Thank you for your support so far!

THE YEAR 2 TEAM