

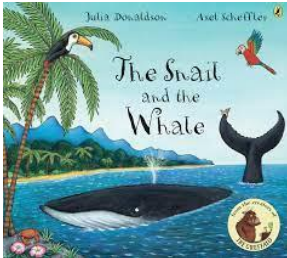
Year 2 Newsletter

Autumn 1 2023

Welcome back!

We hope you have all had a lovely summer break. We are delighted to be welcoming your children back to school and hope that they feel excited about the amazing learning ahead.

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Unit of Learning

In history this half-term, we will be learning about the Great Fire of London. We will be looking at how it started and spread so quickly and what impact it had on London and the impact it had on our rescue services. We will also visit the local fire station.

In science, we will learn that all animals have offspring and observe the different life stages in humans. We will also learn about the different ways humans can stay fit and healthy.

In RE, we will be learning about Hinduism and the festival of Diwali .

In DT, we will be designing and making a healthy, balanced meal.

Attendance

We encourage all children to have excellent attendance at South Rise. Regular attendance brings enormous benefits to every pupil's self-esteem and attainment levels. It is important to set the expectation of good attendance right from the beginning of the school year. The target for every child's attendance is 97% - you can monitor your child's attendance percentage through the MIS App.

English

In English this term we begin by reading 'The Snail and the Whale' by Julia Donaldson and write a narrative retelling this story. We will also be learning new skills in our writing, how to write expanded noun phrases and similes. We will look at facts about animals and how non-fiction is organised into subheadings by creating our own fact files.

Maths

In maths we will continue to develop our number skills. We will be focusing on arithmetic, reasoning skills and place value to develop our understanding of number. We will be building on the amazing work using the Maths Mastery approach from the Year 1 curriculum. It would be helpful if you could work with your child on counting in their 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s at

home. Children will also receive a login to Times Tables Rockstars and Numbots where they can practise their times tables skills at home.

Home Learning

We recognise the importance of learning at home and our Home Learning Journal enables children, parents/carers and teachers to communicate regularly. One of the most important ways to help your child is to read with them and listen to them read. We cannot stress enough the importance of regular reading. We recommend that children read with an adult every evening for about ten minutes. It is also a good idea to practise reading with your child in everyday context such as reading signs or shopping lists. Please ensure that children bring their Home Learning Journal into school with them every day. They will also receive weekly spellings to practise.

Uniform and P.E. kit

Sweatshirts are available to buy from Mapac, our online uniform supplier, and children should wear black or grey trousers or skirts. Please label all items of clothing with your child's name so that we can quickly return any lost items. Children will have PE lessons twice a week and should bring in their PE kit at the start of every week and take it home to wash on Fridays.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

Miss Cornwell

Miss Tesfai

Miss Whitehead