



Curriculum Newsletter

Year 2 Term 5 2021/22

Hello everyone, this newsletter aims to give you an overview of the exciting learning we have planned for Term 5. We all hope you enjoyed a restful Easter break and have recharged your batteries for another eventful and exciting term!

If you have any questions please speak with any member of the Senior Leadership Team or see your child's teacher at the end of the school day.

We would also like to remind our families that we are a nut-free school. Some of our children suffer with various allergies and so in order to keep everyone safe, we ask that you do not include food items containing nuts in your child's lunch box or as a break time snack.

We would also like to reiterate that as your child is in KS1, they receive a healthy snack provided by school. We therefore ask that all children in KS1 (Year R – 2) **do not** bring in an additional snack. As a healthy school, we also ask that children are not given sweets in their packed lunches (such as Haribo) to eat during lunchtime. Thank you for your support with this.

English

In English this term, we will be working on a variety of different styles of writing, such as character descriptions, setting descriptions, recounts and instructions. Since we have been thoroughly enjoying our class book 'Matilda' these past few weeks, our character description will be of the terrifying Miss Trunchball and our setting description of Miss Honey's cosy cottage. We will be working on ensuring our handwriting is correct, with letters being the correct size in relation to each other, as well as using apostrophes for both possession and contraction throughout.

Maths

In maths this term, we will begin by looking at measurement. We will be learning to measure in both centimetres and metres and working out how to order and compare different lengths. We will then be moving on to learning about statistics, where we will be interpreting tally charts and pictograms, as well as making our own.



Use the tally chart to help you complete the pictogram.

Fruit	Tally
Banana	
Grapes	
Pear	
Apple	

Fruit	Number
Banana	
Grapes	
Pear	
Apple	

We kindly ask that you read with your children at least 5 times a week. We ensure an adult reads with your child as often as possible in school but it is crucial that your child practises at home as well to develop their fluency, intonation and comprehension.

If you would like any information on how we teach these methods in class or guidance on how to support at home, please do not hesitate to speak to Miss Hughes.

Foundation Subjects

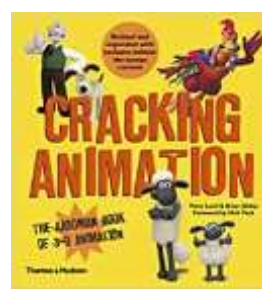
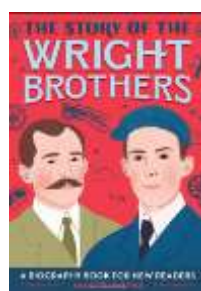
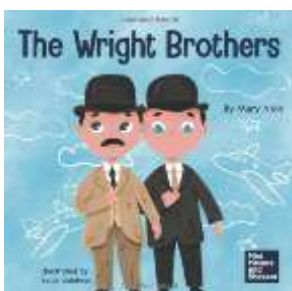
Our topic this term is “Cracking Contraptions”




It’s an exciting topic where we will be learning all about the Wright Brothers and their journey in becoming the first people to successfully create and fly aircraft. We will be thinking about why these people and their determination are still significant today and how aircraft has developed throughout the years. We will also be learning about human geography in Spain, with a focus on the amazing architecture that can be found there. We will then be studying the Bristol-based animation studio ‘Aardman’ and thinking about the methods used to create successful stop-motion clay animations.

Please refer to your child’s ‘Cracking Contraptions’ knowledge organiser to better understand what your child is learning about in school.

Term 5 ‘Cracking Contraptions’ Reading Spine

These are a selection of books Year 2 children will be exploring during this topic. They have been carefully selected as high quality texts to support your child’s learning of the curriculum. We invite children to read these books during their free-reading time in school but you may also want to grab a copy for your own bookshelves at home!



	<p>Your child will be taking part in P.E on Monday and Thursday. We ask that children come to school dressed in their P.E kits on the days that they have P.E. We would like to remind our families that this involves wearing their teams coloured T-shirt (plain, no slogans), black/navy blue shorts or black/navy blue jogging bottoms and trainers/daps. Usual school sweatshirt/ cardigan can be worn with this – no other sweatshirts to be worn please. If you do not know which house your child is in, please email the class email address – AfricaClass@sgmail.org.uk</p>
	<p>We will continue to send home your child’s homework for the entire term. This will include the term’s spelling words/rules and Maths Instant Recall Facts. We would love to see any evidence of these activities in your homework books and we will be asking for homework books to be brought back into school on Wednesday 25th May. These will then be marked and returned to your child at the beginning of Term 6.</p> <p>Also, we would like to remind you that your child is able to log on with their purple mash logins to complete any extra homework and practise their learning at home.</p>
	<p>Please ensure your child has a bottle of water at school every day. Also please make sure that their belongings including school uniform, PE kit, book bags, lunch boxes and water bottles are all clearly labelled with your child’s name and class. We ask children not to bring toys or items from home into school unless invited to do so by their class teacher.</p>

Year 2 Term 5 Key dates:

- **12th May – School Disco**
- **16th May – Year 6 Residential Trip**