

Curriculum Newsletter

Year 2 - Term 4 2023/2024

Welcome to Term 4!

We're now over halfway through Year 2.

We've got an exciting Term 4 planned, so remember to log onto ClassDojo each week to check for updates and to see all our amazing work.

It is very important your child brings in their **water bottle, reading book and a coat** every day!



water bottle



reading book



coat

Dates for Term 4:

19th February: Term 4 Starts

7th March: World Book Day

26th March: Family Spring Event

28th March: Last day of Term 4

16th April: Term 5 Starts

Authors



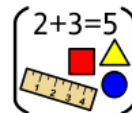
As authors this term, we will be reading some non-fiction books about vehicles and making toys.

We will also be reading a fiction book - Tidy by Emily Gravett.

We will be continuing to apply our learning from Year 1 and building on the new skills we have been learning in Year 2 to help us write instructions on how to make a toy and also innovate our own story.

Don't forget to ask us all about our writing – we will be very excited to share our learning with you!

Mathematicians



As mathematicians this term, we will be continuing to deepen our knowledge and understanding of numbers within 100.

We will do this by practicing our skills in column addition and column subtraction, as well as multiplying by 0, 1, 2, 5 and 10.

We will also be learning new skills in how to divide and investigating fractions including as $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$.

Telling the time will also be recapped this term.

Scientists



As scientists we will be investigating living things, their habitats and environments.

We will explore that different plants and animals live in different places so they can get what they need to stay alive.

We will also be learning about food chains and understand that some animals eat plants, some eat animals, and some eat both.

Athletes



Our athlete lessons for Term 4 are on **Monday and Thursday**.

Children should come to school dressed ready for athlete lessons.

As athletes, we will be practising and refining our basic movement skills through our Real PE curriculum.

Bristol Robins Foundation Coaches will be with us on a Thursday coming to run hockey sports sessions.

Phonics



As readers and writers this term, we will be starting Phase 5c phonics sounds (alternative spellings), as well as revising Phases 2, 3, 4, 5a and 5b.

Please ask us about our phonics sounds at home!

Designers and Artists



As designers this term we will be looking at mechanisms, and in particular the uses of wheels and axels. We will then be having a go at designing and making our very own toy cars.

As artists we will be focusing on the skill of drawing. We will have a chance to experiment with different media such as charcoal, pastels and chalk.

Evergreen Citizens



As Evergreen Citizens this term we will be looking at the topic of Healthy Me.

We will be exploring how to make healthy choices to keep our bodies healthy, including exercise and eating a balanced diet.

At home learning



Please listen to your child **read** at home at least **5 times per week**. This is the most important thing you can do to support learning at this age. Just 5 minutes per day makes a big difference. Don't forget to ask your child to identify the sounds in the words – they will be very keen to show off their phonics skills!

We also now all have **Times Table Rock Stars** accounts to practice multiplying and dividing. Usernames and passwords will be sent home along with more information about how to download the app for free on mobile phones and tablets.

If you have any questions at all, please contact me through ClassDojo or speak with myself or Miss Carruthers at the door.

Yours Sincerely,
Ms Goodfellow – Year 2 Class Teacher