


Y2 Atlantis Newsletter Spring 1 2020

Welcome back to a fun-packed half term. We've been having so much fun this year and long may it continue. I hope everybody is ready for better weather (hopefully) and longer days!

This half term our topic will be 'Green and growth fingers'



Our topic web can be viewed on the school website under  Classes

 Atlantis-what's new?

Curriculum Information:

- Maths, English, guided reading and phonics are taught daily alongside other areas of the curriculum.

- **Reading:**

Don't forget : Children will always benefit from listening to grown-ups reading. This is where we really hope to foster a love of reading and enthuse your child. Reading for pleasure will be taught through your child listening to stories, poems, non-fiction texts, rhymes and fairy/traditional tales. There's nothing better than listening to a good story or poem, perfect for bed-time chilling out time!

We ask that your child reads every night using their new books (phonics book and enjoyment book) and that you record this in their new reading record book. Please write a positive comment which we can re-iterate with your child. Then, add any additional comments you wish for us to see about your child's reading e.g. If you think your child needs to re-read this book; if there are any words/graphemes your child has had difficulty with. **It is vital that your child reads every day at home.**

- **Maths:**

In Year 2, the focus within mathematics is to build **fluency**, **problem solving** and **reasoning** across all the mathematical strands. This half term firstly sees us focussing on addition and subtraction within ten. In class we are using lots of practical resources (manipulatives) to support your child - check out the Dojo for ideas. We ask that you continue to support your children through the maths homework set and focus on helping your child learn their number bonds within and to ten as this is a huge building block in helping them become fluent not only in Year 2 but for their rest of their primary education. Here is a free website link which is brilliant for this:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>.

Remember little and often is the key.

Towards the end of this half term we will be looking at properties of shapes and also fractions, so please discuss these with your child as and when you can.

Times Tables:

Please continue to encourage your child to access TTRockstars. After last half term's focus in our maths mental starters, your child can now access X10, X2 and X5.



- **Spelling:**

Spellings will be sent out every Monday. These will be formed from the graphemes we have been learning plus any Y2 common exception/tricky words. **Tests will be the following Monday giving all children the full week and weekend to learn their spellings.**

- **Homework:**

PE:

Please ensure your child has their labelled PE kit in school.

- **Tuesday**, taught by South Ribble sports coaches and
- **Wednesday**, taught by Mrs Horn/ Mr Pitcher
- **Daily**, 10 minute run

Forest Schools - Forest school sessions have now started. Please ensure your child has suitable clothing as regardless of the rain we will be out there!

As always, our door is always open and you are welcome to come and speak with us. Our Class Dojo is frequently checked and any messages answered as quickly as we possibly can.

We are looking forward to working together with your children and yourselves this year!

Mrs Horn, Mr Pitcher and Team Atlantis!

Homework Y1

As per our homework policy which can be viewed on our website, homework for Y1 should take no longer than 1 hour per week.

It will consist of:

- daily home reading book
- weekly library book
- weekly spellings linked to phonics phases
- weekly maths homework: 'Mathletics' on line resource (set by teacher) or a maths game/activity
- occasional project work linked to other areas of the curriculum

Year 1 common exception words

This is a word list taken from the National Curriculum of recommended words a Year 1 child should be confident spelling as they complete Year 1.

The A Do To Today Of Said Says Are Were Was Is His Has
I You Your They Be He Me She We No Go So By My
Here There Where Love Come Some One Once Ask Friend School Put Push Pull
Full House Our

Here is a website which may be of use : <https://www.theschoolrun.com/spelling-in-year-1>