



Welcome to Year 2 Spring Term 1

English	The Bog Baby: - Finding Narrative - Instructions on how to build a habitat
Maths	Money Properties of Shape Fractions of Shape
Topic	The Antarctic
Science	Living in Habitats
Art	Painting and Mixed Media: Life in colour
Computing	Algorithms and Debugging
R.E	Christianity – What did Jesus teach us?
PSHE	Living in the Wider World
P.E	Ball Skills (Thursdays) Gymnastics (Tuesdays)
Music	Orchestral Instruments (Theme: Traditional stories)

Important dates:

We will inform you of any dates that come up in the future.

How you can support your child at home

Reading Books

It is very important that you support your child as much as possible to read at home. All books taken home are recorded in school and we appreciate your support to ensure that school books are looked after and returned back to school when read. A letter has already gone home regarding the importance of reading at home along with details about our school reading challenge. For those children who are starting the accelerated reader scheme this term, it is expected that at least 1 test a week will be completed.

Common Exception Words

This term we would like you to continue to practise spelling and reading the Year 1 and 2 common exception words. The children will be tested on these at the start of each term and we will update you with their progress.

Number bonds

This term we will start doing weekly assessments for number bonds up to 10. The children will have 3 minutes to answer up to 48 addition and subtraction questions related to number bonds up to 10 (e.g. $3 + 3 = \underline{\quad}$, $7 - 2 = \underline{\quad}$). By the end of the year the children should know and be able to answer questions related to all number bonds up to 20 at speed. Please practice number bonds up to 10 with your child at home, we find that little and often is key!

Maths homework

Just like in the Autumn term, we will continue to send weekly maths homework related to the Mastering Number starter activities that we do in school. The children would really benefit from doing these activities at home, but the sheets do not need to be returned to school when completed.

Reminders

South View is a nut free school, we kindly ask that you ensure that packed lunches and snacks do not contain nuts. Your child is able to take a snack into school to have at playtime. This must be a healthy snack, such as fruit.

P.E days

Our P.E days are Tuesday and Thursday. Please be aware that sometimes we may be required to be outdoors for our lesson. Please remember that due to safety regulations, it is recommended that earrings are removed before each session. If your child is unable to do this, please write a note to your class teacher explaining why and provide him/her with tape so that earrings can be covered. Long hair should also be tied back for PE sessions.

- PE kit (Indoor - Red T-shirt, plimsolls and shorts. Outdoor – Tracksuit top and bottoms plus outdoor trainers)

Medicines and Allergies

If your child has or it becomes necessary for them to have an inhaler or any other prescribed medicine, it is your responsibility to ensure that you complete a Medicine Authorisation Form available from the school office before any medication can be administered in school. It is also really important that we know of any allergies that your child has, if we do not have them on record already. Please ensure that ALL medications are in date and you, as parents/carers, are aware of the 'use by date' and replace as and when necessary.

School Equipment

Children should have the following things in school each day:

- Water bottle
- Coat
- Reading book
- School Reading Log

Please ensure all of your children's belongings are clearly labelled.

Collection

We would also like to remind you that it is vital to let us know if your child is going home with another parent or carer before noon. As we are sure you can appreciate, we will not be able to send home your child with another adult unless we have had prior communication from you.

Thank you all very much for your continued support. We look forward to another wonderful term with the children. Please don't hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

The Year 2 Team

Mrs Baxter, Miss Creasey, Mrs Sharpe, Mrs Miles, Mrs Ford, Miss Gratton, Miss Salerno