

Believe ~ Learn ~ Grow

Year 2
Spring Term 3 & 4
The Tin Forest



Monday 14th January 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you have all enjoyed a relaxing family time together. The Class 2 staff members would like to thank you all so much for the cards and presents received. They were very much appreciated and enjoyed.

We have lots of exciting things planned for the next two terms. For the two terms we will be learning about the rainforest and comparing an area of Brazil with where we live. We are hoping that this topic will engage all children and be something they enjoy coming home and talking about. The topic title is The Tin Forest as over the two terms we will be linking our geography and science learning with the fantastic book of this title. Any extra home learning the children can share on this topic will be more than welcome, although not compulsory.

This term we have not planned a trip as we have recently visited the Steam Museum but rest assured, we are in the process of planning a second trip during the Summer term.

Values:

Our values for Term 3 and 4 are Perseverance and Justice. We have included the poems so you can discuss and encourage these values at home.

Pressing on

Eager to continue

Running the race

Sticking with things

Encouraging each other to keep going

Valuing the support of others

Eyes fixed on the target

Reaching a goal over time

Aiming to complete the task

Not giving up

Commitment to keep going

Ending up where you want to be.

Judging what is right

Understanding what is fair

Standing up for those who need help

Trying to listen to both sides

Informed and wise decisions

Caring enough to take action

Equal opportunities for all.

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Topic:

Our topic 'The Tin Forest' will be the topic link for other subjects in the next two terms. We will be learning all about the rainforest, its layers, the people and animals that live there and comparing that to life in Swindon. Linked to this we will also be looking at other habitats around the world and how animal features enable them to live where they do. This will lead us to writing non chronological reports about animals. We will be learning about fruits and vegetables and the countries that they come from. This will be linked in with our topic of The Tin Forest and the old man who lived there. The children will learn about where the fruit and vegetables come from; compare the fruit and vegetables; learn how to safely chop and prepare fruit and vegetables and then design, make and evaluate a fruit or vegetable-based dish.

PE:

Our PE slots will take place usually on a Monday and Wednesday but these times may vary depending on the topic work we are doing. Please ensure that your child's PE kit is in school every day, especially their trainers which are required for the daily Golden Mile. PE kit reminders can be found below. In Term 3 Superstars will be teaching a brand new sport for Lydiard Millicent, Tchoukball!

Please ensure your children have every day in school: trainers, PE kit consisting of a white t-shirt, green shorts, green or black jogging bottoms and socks (especially for girls who may be wearing tights), spelling books, reading journals and a water bottle.

Open Session:

As you will know from the Calendar of Events - the Year 2 class open session will be on Wednesday 27th March from 2pm-3pm. Please come along and support your children in their topic learning. We will need lots of hands to support us in making wheels and axles for a topic project.

Other dates:

Our Parents' Evenings will be on Monday 11th and Wednesday 13th February. We look forward to discussing your child's progress at this time.

Home Learning:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in ensuring the children complete their home learning and bring books back to school on the correct day. It is clearly having a positive effect with spelling accuracy during independent writing and the increased speed at which the children can recall number facts has become evident during calculations and problem solving activities.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and see us. Thank you again for your continued support.

Kind regards

Mrs dos Santos and Mrs Walker

