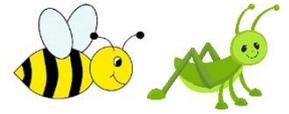




# Year 2 Newsletter



## Welcome back

Welcome back to our new Spring Term, we hope you all had a lovely break over the festive period. The children have started our new term very keen to learn and they are excited about all of the exciting things we are learning about this term.

## Topic

Our topic for this half term is 'Let's Explore'. Within this topic we will be exploring our world and finding out about lots of different places, which will link in to our Science this half term where we will be looking at different habitats. We will be comparing different climates in our world, including both hot and cold climates. To start our topic we will be learning lots about the Arctic. We will be focussing on the Polar Bears that live in this climate, which will link to our English at the start of term on non-fiction texts. Also within this topic we will be looking at famous explorers from the past. We will be finding out about the voyages and journeys they made. We will be finding out what life was like at the time of the voyage and we will be finding out about the destinations that they visited.

## Maths

This half term we will be focussing on 2D and 3D shape and money. In shape we will be recognising shapes by looking at their properties. Within our money topic we will be recognising coins and notes and we will be completing lots of problem solving.

Don't forget to play Times Table Rockstars. Every child has been given a log in to play on Times Table Rockstars online. We recognise the importance of learning the times tables and recommend logging on at least 3 times a week. In school we have a weekly celebrations to celebrate the successes of the week. Children will have the chance of choosing their own rock star outfit for their photo for the display.

## Homework

During the year, children will be given homework. Please return this homework once it is complete. Homework may consist of a piece of written, creative work or online work.

## Reading

The children have all been given a reading book and reading diary to read at home. We recognise the importance of reading at Kingsway and encourage you to hear your child read 5 times a week. Your child will be given the opportunity to enter the Rainbow Reading Challenge. Our Rainbow Reading Challenge will be awarded when the children have read at home with an adult for various amounts, starting on 20 reads. To encourage the children's independence we will be asking that the children count the amount of reads in their reading diary and tell the class teacher when they have done so. They will then be given their Rainbow Reading Challenge award.

## P.E.

At the moment we have P.E. on a Tuesday with a P.E coach. We are also very lucky this half term as we have been given an exciting new opportunity to start cricket sessions with 'A chance to shine' coaching on Fridays. However, we may do P.E. on different days (sometimes dependent on the weather!) so it would therefore be useful if the children could continue to bring their P.E. kit in on a Monday and leave it in school until Friday. As the weather is turning it would be advisable to also keep a spare jumper and joggers in your P.E. kit for cold days.

We have a policy of no jewellery with the exception of a watch and small stud earrings. Please note that for health and safety reasons, earrings must be removed for P.E. lessons and swimming. Therefore, it may be better not to wear any jewellery on P.E. days.

