Class 2

Spring 1 Newsletter

We would like to thank you all for your kindness and generosity. We were overwhelmed with the wonderful cards and gifts we received at the end of last term.

Our topic this term is - Can you travel around the world in 80 days?

History

This term we are continuing to focus on Christopher Columbus. We will be creating a timeline of events and focusing on chronological order. We will be investigating the difference between AD and BC and what they mean. We will look closely at the trials and tribulations he faced on his journey.

Science

In science we will be carrying out a waterproof experiment. We will be making a waterproof boat to sail around the world – linked to Christopher Columbus. We will discuss safety and fair testing. We will collect,, sort and record data and present it in a table/chart.

Geography

In Geography we will be celebrating Chinese new year. We will locate the Great wall of China on a map. We will be learning more about the plight of christopher columbus and plotting the different places he visited and discovered on a map.

Art

In art we will look closely at images of Japanese cherry blossom and explain the symbolism – e.g. 'New Beginnings'.We will create Blow black paint through straws to create branches and talk about the difference between 'horizontal' and 'vertical'. We will use cotton buds to add blossom.

Computing

In computing we will be Understanding what algorithms are; how they are implemented as programs on digital devices; and that programs execute by following precise and unambiguous instructions.

Important Class Notices and Reminders

Guest Speaker Invite:

If any parents have extensive knowledge around countries around the world and would be interested in coming to talk to the class about it, please come and see the Class 2 team so this can be arranged.

Behaviour expectations in Class 2

All staff in school follow our behaviour policy. The children receive individual dojos, Star of the Week certificates and other class incentives. As a class we collect as many dojos to help us earn our Golden Time on a Friday. If children do not follow the school rules then they are moved on to the step system. This is discussed with the children at the start of each term and revisited when required. Please see an overview of the behaviour expectations attached to this email. You can also find a copy of this in your child's planner.

Forest Schools

Just a reminder that your child needs to bring a bag of suitable clothing and shoes when we complete our Forest School sessions especially now the field is wet and muddy. If the weather conditions are too extreme and your child does not have the correct clothes and shoes then they will not be able to take part. Please remember to bring waterproofs as we progress into the winter months.

Our next Forest School sessions are on:
Tuesday 17th January 2023
Tuesday 31st January 2023

Reading

We ask that families support their child at home with their reading to ensure their key skills are embedded and their fluency is improved. We ask that every child reads aloud to an adult for a minimum of 10 minutes a day, five days a week.

In order for your child's books to be changed weekly (on a Thursday) there must be a parental note in the planner showing that both books have been read. Unfortunately, if no notification is left in the planner then the books will not be changed until the following Thursday.

Communication

We are looking forward to an exciting and productive start to Spring Term 1. If you would like to communicate any messages to the KS1 team, please write these in the children's planners. Please let your child know that a note is in there so they can notify the Class 2 staff. Please can your child have their PE kit in school each day. This term can children please bring shorts in for PE as we are doing gymnastics in the hall. You can also contact me via email (gsunley@rufforth.pmat.academy) or call the school office if you would like to speak via the phone or arrange a meeting outside of my teaching day.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs Sunley and the KS1 team