

Important Events

Monday 25th Feb: Poet Paul Delaney in for World Book Day

Wednesday 27th Feb: Year 2 Trip to the National Gallery

Friday 1st March: Chile Class Assembly

Week beginning Monday 4th March: World Book Week

Friday 8th March: World Book Week Assembly at 9am.

Friday 15th March: Red Nose Day

Friday 29th March: Year 1 & 2 Musical showcase at 2pm

Friday 15th February: Colombia Class Assembly

Friday 5th March: Easter Parade at **1pm**, school finishes at 2pm for Easter break.

Homework

Spellings and maths homework will continue to be sent out **every Friday**.

Homework should be handed in by the following **Wednesday**.

Spellings will be sent out every **week** and tested at the end of the week.

Reading Journals need to be completed by the children with support from parents.

They must be brought into school **daily**. **Please** encourage your child to draw pictures and engage with their home reading books. Fantastic examples will be celebrated in KS1 Assembly each week.

PE

This term the children will be learning gymnastics and basketball.

Children must bring their **complete PE kit every DAY**.

Chile class have PE on a Wednesday and Thursday.

Colombia class have PE on a Tuesday and Wednesday.



Colombia and Chile Year 2 Spring Term Curriculum Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back for Spring 2. We have had a super start to Spring, learning all about Florence Nightingale, how to make healthy snacks and 2D and 3D shapes.

We have lots of fantastic new topics to cover this half term, with a particular focus on Compass Points and learning how to get from A to B. We will also have an exciting trip to the National Gallery to explore the work of a range of artists and see the Fourth Plinth in real life following our work in Spring 1.

Please ensure you continue to support your child by reading with them every evening and practising their 10, 5 and 2 times tables regularly. We have now started Times Tables Rockstars at school which will support your child to embed their focus times tables, so please encourage your children to use it at home. If you have any questions about Rockstars, please ask your class teacher.

Should you have any concerns or wish to talk to us about your child and their progress, please feel free to speak to us. We are available to talk after school and can make an appointment to meet you if you should wish.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your child as the year progresses,

Miss Payne, **Mr Schmitz**, Vicky and Sam.

We are going to be celebrating World Book Week this half term with a focus on The Jungle Book. We will be retelling the story using drama to help us remember all the events from the book. We will also be writing instructions for how to plant a seed, linked to our science topic. **Who are the main characters in the story of The Jungle Book?**

This half term we will be working on our four operations, with a particular focus on using the inverse, solving missing number problems and answering two step problems. We will be beginning to learn about fractions using a range of concrete resources. We will also be making and interpreting a variety of different graphs. **Can you make a tally chart showing how many different coloured cars you see on your walk to school?**

This half term we will be learning all about plants. We will be learning about what plants need to grow and will be having go at planting our own seeds, answering questions and making observations as they grow. We will also be conducting our own research to find out more about plants growing around the world. **Do you grow plants at home? What do they need to grow and survive?**

Spanish

Questions about the weatherman – What's the weather like in... In January the weather is...

PSHE & RE

RE: Why is Jesus important?
RRS: Article 29: Your education should help you use and develop your talents.
PSHE: Relationships

We will be continuing to learn about religions from around the world as well as learning the importance of relationships. We will be continuing to strive to achieve our Silver Award as a Rights Respecting School as we learn about our rights across the curriculum. **Why do you think it is important to build meaningful relationships?**

We will be looking closely at the art of Jean-Jacques Rousseau and creating our own colourful art inspired by him. We will be looking at plants to inspire us to create artworks using a range of materials. **Can you create a piece of art inspired by nature?**

Maths
Four operations, fractions and graphs

Year Two



Science
Plants

Music

Songs for world book day – The Jungle Book.

Computing

Codetastic
Creating and debugging simple programmes.
Understanding algorithms and using them to solve problems.

Geography
Compass Points

This half term we will be learning all about the four points of the compass and how to use them alongside maps to navigate around our local area. We will be studying maps in more depth and using them on a school trip to help us find our way around. **What are the four points of a compass?**

Physical Development
Dance and Basketball

We will beginning to learn dance this half term, studying a range of dances from around the world. We will also be continuing our basketball where we will be learning how to apply our skills to play matches. **Can you make up your own dance routine to your favourite song? What is your favourite basketball skill so far?**

English
Poetry, retelling stories, character descriptions, instruction texts and persuasive writing.

Art
Plants in Art
Artist focus: Jean-Jacques Rousseau