## English



During the Spring Term we will be focusing on a number of different fiction and non-fiction texts all around our termly themes **"Wonder World"** and **'Healthy Me**.'

We will be working with the children on their grammar, spelling and punctuation and placing an increased emphasis on reading comprehension.

In writing, we will be exploring different writing formats including descriptive writing, recounts, reports and instructions. We will be heavily focusing on improving handwriting and other Year 2 skills such as:

- Capital letters.
- Punctuation (. ! , ? ')
- Use of adjectives when writing
- Writing expanded noun phrases and using conjunctions (and, but, so, because, or).
- Editing and improving our work.

#### Homework

Each week they should be reading at least 3 times per week. They will be rewarded for doing this.

They should also be learning their spellings. There are various ways that this can be done.

Additionally they can go on Reading Eggs, Sumdogs and TTRockstars on a device. All logins are in the back of their reading diary.



# Year 2 Spring Term 2024 At Forest Lodge Academy

Welcome to the Spring Term. This newsletter will tell you about what is happening in school this term.

If you have any questions over the next term please feel free to speak to Mrs Barnicoat, Mr Jagatia, Miss Andrews or any other member of staff who will be available on our Year 2 email address which is: <u>Forestyear2@forestlodgeacademy.co.uk</u>

Reports about your child's progress will be given to you during the Spring Term and you will have an opportunity to discuss these and any other issues with your child's class teacher during parents evening.

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### Year 2 staff

- Mrs Barnicoat (2CB)
- Mr Jagatia (2VJ)
- Miss Andrews (2AA)
- Mrs Lippitt
- Ms Partington
- Ms Scott-Collins
- Mrs Kennedy (1-2-1 SEND support)

As always we are happy to talk to you about any issues or concerns you might have.

#### **Mathematics**

Throughout the Spring Term Year 2 children will learn about a variety of areas in mathematics. The focus for this half term are:

- Working with money including recognising coin and note values and addition and subtraction using money.
- Division and multiplication.
- Fractions.



• Problem solving.

All children have logins for Times Tables Rock Stars, a fun way of learning times tables. This is a great way to learn

#### Reading

We believe that reading is a vital skill for children, we would encourage children to be reading regularly if possible, at least three times a week. This will be monitored in class and children who read at home regularly will be rewarded.

This term our focus is on building children's understanding of what they are reading (comprehension), so we would appreciate your help with this. When reading with your child ask them questions about what they have read. Some ideas are:

- Who is the author/illustrator?
- What was the story about?
- Who were the main characters?
- What happened at the end of the story?
- Was the text fiction or non-fiction?
- If it was non-fiction can you show me how you use an index page/content page or glossary?
- What happened on page 7?
- What was your favourite part of the text/story?
- Any other general questions relating to the text.
- Stopping and asking what they have read so far and making predictions about what will happen next.



#### **Connected Curriculum**

Our Topic this term will be Wonder World and Healthy Me. We will be learning about the amazing world around us. The main focus for the children will be Geography. and in Healthy Me, the focus will be Science. However, all the foundation subjects will be taught in connected curriculum.