

Sycamore Class Newsletter

April 2019

Welcome to the Summer term of Year 2! This term, our topic will be Magical Monsters. Sycamore class will be meeting some magical monsters first hand as we invite some special creatures to share our school as they grow.

This is also the start of our Secret Agent Training, sometimes known as the SATs. This is a very special time for Year 2s. At Spixworth Infants, we aim to make this time as fun and stress free as possible. At the end of our Secret Agent Time, we will celebrate with a final Extreme Challenge and a certificate and ID badge presentation.

Our school topic for this half term is: Magical Monsters
Our enquiry question is: Where are the wild things?

English

In English we will be learning about the story of the Tadpole's Promise as well as learning about how information texts are structured while we learn about life cycles.

Look cover right check sheets are sent home weekly **every Thursday**. Videos are uploaded regularly to Tapestry to showcase the mnemonics used to help us recall tricky spellings.

Maths

In Maths this half term we will be reviewing the four operations as well as reviewing our using and applying skills.

Mathseeds Homework will continue to be issued with a 2 week deadline. Please be sure to check Tapestry to see when it is live.

Learning Across the Curriculum

This half term we will be comparing the work of artists Henri Matisse and Wassily Kandinsky. We will be using a wide range of media including; water colours, pastels, crayons, collage and clay to create different artworks in the style of these artists. As music was the main influence in Kandinsky's work, we will be listening to some of the classical pieces which inspired him to recreate some of our own artwork.

In science we will be learning about animals in their habitats and learn about micro-habitats such as ponds. We will be learning about how a habitat can provide the basic needs for animals and plants and how they depend on each other.

With our Secret Agent work this half term, children will be reading and answering comprehension questions in class and please keep reading your books regularly at home.

Reminders

Attendance is important, as we want to make the best out of every day we have left with the Year 2s before they make their way to Junior school. Please aim to be in every day to avoid lost learning.

How to Support at Home

This Half Term is the Reading Raffle!
Every time you read at home, your child earns a ticket towards the Reading Raffle.

Mathseeds, Purple Mash and Espresso are also ways you can support your child at home.

Class Dates

26th April – Easter Service at St Peter's church

30th April – Parent Forum 9.05

May 2019 – SATs

Friday 24th May Monster Maths Day TBC

21st May 9-10 – Y2 Writing Cafe

Our current 8-week project focuses on the use of concrete objects to support Mathematical understanding. Here are just a few of the examples of how we use objects to support learning in Maths in Sycamore Class.

