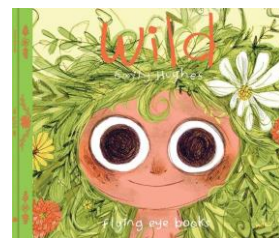


Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome back! It was wonderful seeing the children come back to school with such enthusiasm this week, and everyone has settled back into the school routine amazingly quickly.



### **English**

In English we are starting off looking at the book *Wild* by Emily Hughes. We will be writing stories and poetry inspired by some of this author's work, along with explanation texts about our Science topic. After half-term we will be looking at Traditional Tales and writing some reports linked to our Geography topic.

### **Maths**

Maths in the Spring term is all about multiplication and division. In Year 2 we focus on the 2, 5, and 10 times table, learning about multiplication in these times tables before moving on to division. We will also be looking at fractions, statistics, temperature and doing some more work on shapes in geometry.

### **Science**

Science this term starts off looking at Animals and Habitats, then after half-term we will be looking at Plants. Both units include lots of opportunities to practice our observation skills, and we will be learning scientific vocabulary to describe processes the children may already have noticed happening.

### **History**

History this half-term is all about Kings and Queens, looking at what a Monarch's job is (and how the role is different now to hundreds of year ago) and what some of our most influential Monarchs are known for.

### **Geography**

After half-term our focus will move from History to Geography and the topic 'Hot and Cold Places'. We will look at where both hot and cold places are located on our planet and compare two differing locations.

### **RE**

In RE we will begin by looking again at Islam, including how and why Muslims observe Ramadan. After half-term we will be learning about why Easter is important to Christians.

### **PSHE**

Our first PSHE topic this term is titled 'Dreams and Goals', looking not just at what our Dreams might be but how to set meaningful goals and work with others to achieve them. Our second topic will be 'Healthy Me', learning about how we can keep both body and mind healthy.

### **Music**

Our music this first half-term will have a rock focus, our second unit will look at a reggae song. In both units we will be looking at how different aspects of music such as rhythm and beat fit together to create a piece of music, and have a go at learning a song to play together.

### **Computing**

Our computing this term looks at algorithms and will see the children learning to program a simple robot.

### **Art**

Art this term is all about the natural world, looking at incorporating it in our work with rubbings and prints before looking at some artists who have been inspired by nature.

### **PE**

During this term PE will be on **Thursday** and **Fridays**. We may also make use of other slots for active lessons, so it would be helpful if children could bring their PE kits into school on Mondays and leave them at school for the week.

### **Forest**

We will be continuing to head down to Woodlands on alternate Fridays, beginning **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January**. Please make sure that your child has a change of clothes (including shoes / wellies) for Forest School. This should include long trousers to protect legs from brambles, and a jumper as it is often cooler under the trees. Please bear in mind that we will head to the woodlands whatever the weather, so a waterproof may be needed even if it's sunny when you come to school in the morning!

### **Reading / Reading records**

Thanks to generous support with our recent fundraising efforts we have been able to start purchasing some of the new Little Wandle books, and we will soon have some of the new books to use in class during our reading sessions. In these sessions we will be continuing to build fluency and expression in the children's reading, and practicing the skills of inference, prediction, recall and summarizing. Children will continue to bring a book home each week from the school's existing library of home readers and will be reminded to change this on the day they read with the teacher. Please make sure that your child has their home reader and Reading Record in school each day, as the schedule for reading groups may not be the same each week.

### **Homework**

Homework will be handed out to children on a Thursday, and should be handed in by the following Tuesday please. It will include the weekly spelling words, a small Math task and a reading focus for the week. These will link to what we have been doing in class during the week.

Thank-you for your continued support,

Best wishes, Miss Curry