



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a brilliant first term the children have had, we can't believe we are approaching Christmas already! Our next theme is 'We Are Britain' and we have lots of exciting learning lined up. Don't forget to check out the Clarks and Wellington Blog pages to keep up to date with everything going on in Year 2.

Trips and Visitors for the year

Spring 1 – We are Britain We will be inviting Portrait Artist, Alex Mawby in to teach the children some sketching and painting skills. We will also be visiting Oakham Castle as historians to explore the lives of Britons from the past. The trip is on Friday 4th January.

Spring 2- Awesome Authors In this term we will hopefully be having a visit from a storyteller.

Summer 1 – Summer Watch We will be out and about in the school grounds, looking at habitats and growing our own plants.

Summer 2 – Super Scientists We will be visiting the Think Tank Science Museum in Birmingham. The cost of the trip will be approximately £25.



We Are Britain

Our theme for Spring 1 is We Are Britain. During this theme we will be naming and locating the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom. We will learn about the lives of significant individuals from the past who have contributed to national and international achievements. In particular, we will study the kings and queens of the past and present. Oakham Castle was built during the Norman period and the children will gain a greater understanding of historical events of this time during their visit. We will be learning about Raunds at the time of the Domesday Book. On our Wow Day, we will be holding an afternoon tea party and inviting a special guest along.



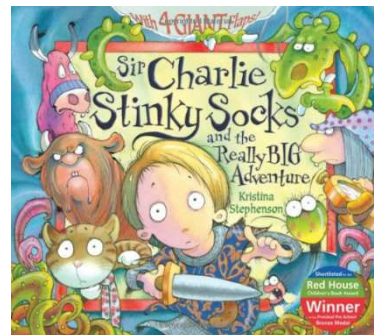
Science

During Spring 1, we will identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials. We will also investigate how some materials can change shape. The children will continue to observe the outdoor environment to look at seasonal changes.



English

In English we will be focusing on a story called Sir Charlie Stinky Socks and the Really Big Adventure by Kristina Stephenson. During this conquering the monster tale, we meet a brave knight called Charlie. Charlie meets some terrible beasties, wily witches and fire-breathing dragons on his adventure. The children will then begin inventing and publishing their own conquering the monster tales. Later in the term, the children will be learning how to write an information page. These information pages will include all new learning we have on kings, queens and castles.



Reading

We will be listening to the children read at least once a week in school, as well as during Read, Write Inc. lessons. Please listen to your child read as often as possible and make a note of it in the reading record book. Those children who read every day will receive a reward from their class teacher.

Maths

During Spring 1, we will begin learning how to count money, both coins and notes. The children will develop their confidence with using a number line to calculate answers. The children will represent and compare equal amounts of money using different strategies. Towards the end of the term, the children will focus on a multiplication and division unit. This will involve using arrays, solving multiplication and division number sentences and using repeated addition and subtraction.

Times tables

Please support your child(ren) with the learning of their times tables. Children in Year 2 need to learn and recall facts for the 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 times tables. They are tested every week and all children will know which times table they need to be learning. If you could keep practising with your child we will all be times table superstars!

Key Dates: - Please see attached sheet

Thank you for your support. Have a lovely Christmas and make sure you recharge those batteries. We will see you in Spring 1!

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