

## PE

PE for class 2E is on a Tuesday and Wednesday, while class 2C have PE on a Tuesday and Thursday. Children will need to arrive in school wearing their school PE kit: White t-shirt, plain black or blue tracksuit bottoms or shorts and their school jumper.

## Homework

Pupils have the following homework handed out each week:

- Weekly spellings given on a Friday
- Reading (each night for at least 15 minutes. Sign reading records at least 3 times per week.)
- Children are required to go on NumBots every day.
- Maths and English homework books are handed out on a Friday and given back by the following Wednesday.

## Diary Dates

Monday 27th February	Teacher Day
Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day
Monday 13th March	Assessment Week
Friday 31st March	Break up for Easter Holidays



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## Reading



This half term, we will be reading 'The Twits' by Roald Dahl. The story features The Twits (Mr. and Mrs. Twit), a spiteful, idle, unkempt couple who continuously play nasty practical jokes on each other to amuse themselves, and exercise their wickedness on their monkeys. Children complete work associated with the book four days each week and then on Fridays they have the opportunity to read for pleasure. This allows them to choose their own book or magazine. This is also a time where children can read books towards their Reading Challenge.

Phonics will continue to be taught to those children who are still learning Phase 2 – 5 sounds. Children will bring a book home weekly it is important they read to an adult and the adult signs their reading record.

## RE



This half term we will be learning about the 'good news' Christians believe Jesus brings. The children will also gain an understanding of how Christians put their beliefs into practice in their everyday lives.

Our Christian value for this half-term is 'Justice'.

## PSHE



During this half term, we will find out how to be 'Healthy Me'. Children will learn about relaxation and the affects of healthy eating and medicines on our bodies.

## DT

As designers, we will be using our knowledge of axels to create a fairground ride.

## Maths

As mathematicians, we are focusing on multiplication and division and the concept of fractions. We will be building upon our knowledge of how grouping and repeated addition becomes multiplication while sharing is division. Children should be able to count confidently forwards and backwards in 2s, 5s and 10s. Children should log in to NumBots daily in order to practise and deepen their number knowledge.

We will follow on by introducing fractions, including halves and quarters. We will be utilising our knowledge of doubling and halving so keep practising!

## Geography

As geographers, we will be continuing our study of 'Planet Earth'. We will find out about the continents of Oceania, Asia and Antarctica before comparing Kenya with the UK.

To finish our area of study, we will be having a round the world day where we will be able to revisit some of the continents and oceans of the world.

## Music



As musicians, we will be exploring the unit 'Zootime'. This is a reggae song which we will be learning to sing and play, alongside improvising and composing with this song. The children will also listen to and appraise different styles of Reggae music.

## Art

As artists, we will be finishing our work on texture and collage. We will be using the textured paper that we have created in our own collages to represent an image of the dark, inspired by our reading of 'The owl who was afraid of the dark'.

## Writing



Our writing experiences this half term will begin with learning and developing our understanding of instructions - their purpose and what features they have. We will be practising writing instructions for washing our hair and brushing our teeth before the children write their own set of instructions.

We will build upon our joined handwriting to ensure we have the correct pencil grip and are forming all our letters and joins correctly. Spellings will be given out on a Friday and the children are expected to spell these words correctly in their work the following week. We will be learning them in school, but please practise these at home as well.



## Science

As scientists, we will continue to learn about 'Living Things and their habitats'. We will venture out into our school grounds to look at microhabitats and see if we can find any minibests. We will find out about food chains and how energy flows through each part. In addition, we will be developing our working scientifically observation skills. We will be observing what happens to plants when they are not watered.

We will finish off our learning by considering our big question: How do we know that a habitat provides all living things with what they require?

## Computing

We will be continuing our unit on word processing. We will continue to familiarise ourselves with the order of the keys on the keyboard. We will learn how to change fonts and organise text for the reader.