

Why can't a meerkat live in the Arctic?

Year 2, Term 1



Welcome to Year 2! We hope you all had a great summer and that you feel rested and raring to go in this new and exciting term! The two classes in Year 2 are called Rabbit Class (Miss Bowyer is your class teacher) and Woodpecker Class (Mrs Farrell [Monday-Thursdays] and Mrs Rutt [Friday] are your class teachers). We also have additional support in the classroom from Mrs Mather, Mrs Lapes and Mrs Owen.

Weekly Routines

Reading Books

We will ask the children to bring their reading books and learning logs into school every day. We will listen to the children read individually during the next 2 weeks and a new learning log will be given.

Snack

As in Year 1, we will be providing a piece of fruit or vegetable each morning for snack.

Water bottles

Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school at all times.

PE

PE will take place on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning during Term 1. As we go into the Autumn, please make sure your child has a pair of warm trousers for PE as well as shorts, a PE jumper and a short sleeved top. If your child has long hair, please ensure it is tied up. **This year the whole school are wearing their PE kits to school when it is their PPA day. We will therefore send children home in their PE kits on a Tuesday and ask that they come back to school dressed in their PE kit every Wednesday. Kits must be returned to school the following week ready for their Tuesday PE session.**

The Community Garden

A huge thank you to Lizzie Munday (Christopher's mum) and any other Year 2 parents who helped with the garden. It looks absolutely brilliant and we already have lots of exciting ideas as to how we are going to use it and incorporate it into our curriculum!

Our topic this term focuses on habitats around the world and the flora and fauna that live in them. We will base our topic on the book 'Meerkat Mail'. Science, Geography and English will be the main topic drivers as we will learn about the diet, habitats and life cycles of a variety of different species. We will also involve Dance and Music ('The Carnival of the Animals' by Saint Saens).

In English we will be writing non fiction texts about animals and habitats and writing some of our own poems. In maths we will looking at place value, addition and subtraction, fractions and time.



Supporting your child at home this year

You can play a significant part in your child's learning by supporting them at home. There are three areas where we particularly need your help:

- Please aim to read every day with your child at home.
- Please help your child learn their spellings.
- Please consolidate number bonds to 10 and 20 learnt in Year 1.
- Later in the year, the children will start our school times tables system, at which point we will send you more information about the progression of skills.

Parental Help

If you are able to give up any of your time to help in class, please contact your child's class teacher(s).

Dates for the Diary:

- Year 2 English/Maths meeting for parents-17/09/19
- Parent Consultations – 8/10/19 and 10/10/19
- House Day- 4/10/19
- Individual photos- 11/10/19
- INSET Days- 21st, 22nd, 23rd October

If you would like to contact any of the Year 2 teachers, please e-mail admin@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk or organise a time to meet with your teacher at the end of the day.