

WELCOME TO THE LOWER KEY STAGE 2 NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM MRS MILLETT

Dear Parents and Carers

🌸 Welcome to the Spring 2 term! 🌸

What a fantastic and busy Spring Term we have had in Lower Key Stage 2 so far!

Firstly, it was wonderful to see the children celebrating World Book Day last week in their costumes and pyjamas. The children looked fantastic and they were so eager to share their love of books! Following on from facilitating a love of reading, Panther class has kicked off the start of class visits to the local library this week. The children have loved exploring new books, discovering different authors and choosing stories to enjoy both at school and at home. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm for reading grow and many pupils have confidently tried new genres. Each class will get to visit the local library this academic year, as well as continuing to visit the school library every fortnight.

Swimming lessons have also been a great success with Year 4. The children have shown determination and resilience as they developed their water confidence and improved their strokes. We are very proud of the progress they have made and the positive attitudes they have shown each week. Year 3 will shortly begin their swimming lessons in the Summer 1 term - please make sure you have given relevant permission for your child to attend - we can't wait!

Alongside these exciting activities, we have continued to work hard across the rest of our subjects. Although it is a relatively short half term, we continue the expectations of **Ready, Respectful** and **Safe**. Thank you, parents and carers, for your continued support in helping our children to thrive.

Mrs Millett

Key Dates



Monday 16th March - Lion Class Assembly
Tuesday 24th March - FEd Fair
End of term - Friday 27th March
Children return to school - Tuesday 14th April

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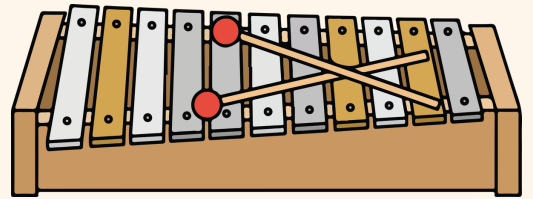
How can you support your child's learning in Lower Key Stage 2 at home?

- Daily reading with an adult (see Home Reading Record Book).
- Times tables practice (See TTRS).
- Choice of an activity from the foundation home learning grid - a minimum of one per week.
- Choice of an activity from the mathematics and English home learning grid - a minimum of one per week.
- Weekly times table homework (Year 4).

WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON?

YEAR 3 - MUSIC

This term Year 3 have been learning about the 'Reggae' genre of music. We have appraised music by the legend Bob Marley, including some of his most famous songs 'Jammin' and 'Three Little Birds'. We were able to use Glockenspiels to play alongside 'Three Little Birds' learning music notes and practising pitch and tone when singing.



YEAR 4 - RE

This week our Year 4's took part in a faith tour in Bedford. They visited three different places of worship: a gurdwara, a church and a mosque. First, they went to the gurdwara, where they learned about the Sikh religion and how people cover their heads as a sign of respect. Then Year 4 visited a church and saw the altar, the stained glass windows and the place where people sit to pray and sing. After that, they went to a mosque and learned that Muslims take off their shoes before going inside and pray facing the same direction. The trip helped us understand how different religions have different traditions, but they all teach people to be kind and respectful.

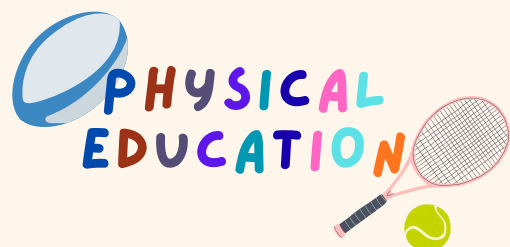
PE Days:

Lion: Monday and Tuesday

Meerkat: Wednesday and Thursday

Panda: Wednesday and Friday

Panther: Tuesday and Wednesday



Polite Reminder

Fidget toys and other personal items should not be brought in from home. For those in need of a fidget toy (for sensory needs) a staff member will provide one. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions. All stationery for Year 3 and 4 is also provided for them so they do not need to bring their own from home.

Thank you.