



Jay Class Newsletter

Spring Term 1

Welcome Back!

I hope everyone had a relaxing break and enjoyed the Christmas and New Year celebrations! Now we are in 2022 and heading into Spring term, we have lots of exciting learning to do in Jay Class! Please see the reverse of this newsletter for an overview of this term's learning. Keep checking the Jay Class webpage for resources such as Knowledge Organisers and pictures of the children's fantastic work! I am sure we will have another brilliant term together. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to come and see me.

Miss Marsh

P.E

Jay class have P.E on a **Wednesday** and **Thursday** this year. A reminder that P.E kit includes:

- black shorts/grey/black joggers
- a white/burgundy t-shirt
- black plimsols or trainers

No other colours/styles of clothes should be worn.

No earrings should be worn on P.E days so please ensure these are removed before school.

This term our P.E units will be *Groovy Gymnastics* and *Skip to the Beat!*

Homework

A reminder that homework is given out on a **Thursday** and is due back no later than the following **Tuesday**. Please ensure this is completed and returned on time each week.

Children will also be given a list of spellings on a Monday which will be tested on a **Friday**.

Tuck

If you would like your child to have a snack from tuck each day, you must send tuck money in on **Monday** morning, in a named envelope.

For 1 item each day please send £1.50 or for 2 items each day send £3.

Reading

Reading at home is a vital part of your child's learning and can have a massive impact on their progress in school. All books must be kept in the plastic reading wallet provided when not used to ensure that they do not get unnecessarily damaged and can be enjoyed for years to come. It is expected that children read at home at least five times a week. This reading activity should be recorded in your child's reading diary.

Children also bring home a book from the '100 books to read before you leave Year 2' list. This book is to encourage children to enjoy reading for pleasure and we would love for you to read and share the book. This book may exceed your child's reading level, in which case you will need to read it to them.

Special Requests!

- Please ensure all items of uniform are labelled with your child's name. A significant amount of lost clothing built up last term!
- Children all need a water bottle each day, which should be filled with water and not juice/squash.

English

In the spring term our writing focus will be writing to inform. We will begin by reading the book 'Traction Man' and our writing based on this will be a set of instructions. Later in the term, we will read a non-fiction book called 'Seed to Plant' which will link to our Science topic. We will use the information in this book to write a diary about how seeds grow into plants.

Maths

Year 2 will begin the Spring term looking at measures. We will be investigating length, height, mass, temperature and volume. We will do lots of practical activities so the children get hands on measuring different things and learning through having a go!

History

In our History topic, we will be exploring toys from the past. Our topic question, which the children should be able to answer by the end of the learning is 'What were toys like when my grandparents were children?' We have lots of exciting activities planned involving past and present toys and I am sure the children will really enjoy this topic!

Design and Technology

Linked to our learning about toys, we will be designing and making a moving puppet. We will explore different mechanisms such as spinning, levers and sliding parts. These will then help the children to design a moving puppet toy which they will then have the chance to make.

Science

In our science topic we will be learning all about plants and their lifecycles. We will be carrying out investigations to answer the question 'how do plants grow and stay healthy?' We will also explore seasonal change and this half term will focus on Winter into Spring.

PSHE

Our PSHE learning this term will be the unit 'Changing Me'. The children will discuss how things around us change, for example the seasons, and also how our own bodies change as we grow. This will involve discussing different body parts and some of the ways we change. As with previous PSHE units, we will talk about how the classroom is a safe place for discussions and how to be respectful to others in the class. The focus of the unit will be to cope positively with change.

Computing

In computing, we will be introducing the children to programming. This involves putting instructions into the correct order so that an object follows a route on-screen. An important part of programming is fixing any mistakes found and we call this debugging. We will also be taking part in e-safety week this term.

Music

In music lessons, the children will focus on the song 'I wanna play in a band'. This is a rock song and as well as learning to sing the song, the children will listen to and appraise different rock songs, discussing the instruments and styles of these.