

# Year 2 Newsletter



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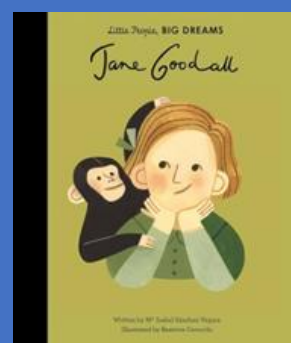
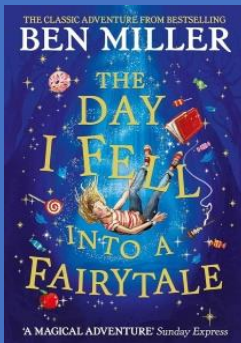
## Spring Term 1

3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024  
to  
9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

## Theme – Amazing Adventures

Our topic theme for this half term is called “Amazing Adventures. We will be reading and discussing lots of different adventure stories. We will also learn about hot and cold places around the world and the different animals that live there.

## What will we read this half term?



## Our School Values

### **Achieve Care Value Listen Help**

This term we will be reading the *Little People, Big Dreams* book about Jane Goodall. We will look at Jane's early life and how she came to be a trail-blazer for the protection of animals and nature. We will learn about how Jane lived with chimpanzees in their natural habitat and became famous for her pioneering approach to research. We will also learn about animal rights and how she campaigns for environmental issues around the world.

## What will we learn this half term?

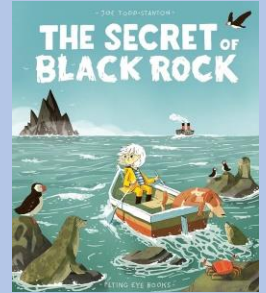
Please note that all of the Curriculum Overviews for each subject can be found on the school website. These contain detailed outlines of the coverage and rationales for teaching. Please take time to read them.

## English

*Erin loves to lie on the jetty, looking for the weirdest fish in the sea and she knows that the best ones must be further out, where her mum won't let her go . . .*

*Out there in the deepest sea, lies the Black Rock: a huge, dark and spiky mass that is said to destroy any boats, that come near it! Can Erin uncover the truth behind this mysterious legend?*

This term, we will be using the book "The Secret of Black Rock" by Joe Todd-Stanton to build on our reading and writing skills from last half term. We will also focus on sentence construction, spelling high frequency words correctly and using descriptive language in our own writing. We will be using this book to help us write our own adventure stories.



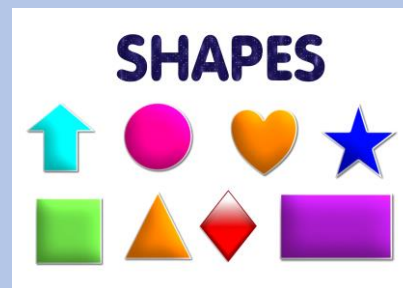
Daily phonic lessons will continue to take place as well as guided reading and 1:1 reading opportunities.

## Maths

In maths, over the next few weeks, we will learn to:

### Recognise 2-D and 3-D shapes

- Count sides on 2-D shapes
- Count vertices on 2-D shapes
- Draw 2-D shapes
- Lines of symmetry on shapes
- Use lines of symmetry to complete shapes
- Sort 2-D shapes
- Count faces on 3-D shapes
- Count edges on 3-D shapes
- Count vertices on 3-D shapes
- Sort 3-D shapes
- Make patterns with 2-D and 3-D shapes



### Money

- Count money in pence and pounds
- Count money in notes and coins
- Make the same amount
- Compare money
- Find the total
- Find the difference
- Find change
- Two-step money problems



## Science

In Science, our topic is called "Animals including Humans". We will learn about:

- Lifecycles (human, frog and butterfly)
- Human needs and wants
- Eating a varied diet
- Exercise
- Hygiene



We will carry out a scientific investigation, looking at how children grow, by measuring height. We will also learn how to carry out a fair test.

We will be using the Little People, Big Dreams book about Jane Goodall to enhance our learning in this topic.

## Research Topic

In Geography, we will be learning about hot and cold places. We will learn to:

- Identify hot and cold places on a map
- Recognise the features of a hot and cold place
- Explore a hot (desert) and a cold (Antarctica) place
- Identify animals that live in a hot and cold place and identify how they adapt
- Compare a “pack list” for a hot and cold place



## Computing

Our Computing lessons will be delivered by Mr Goodier on Thursday afternoons. We will learn how to collect and display data using a computer program. We will learn how to create pictograms to show data and answer questions about what the pictograms show.

## Design and Technology

In Design and Technology, we will be learning about a balanced diet. We will learn to name the main food groups and identify foods that belong to that group. We will learn to describe the taste, texture and smell of different foods. We will think of different wrap ideas and construct a wrap using our own plans.



## PSHE

In PSHE, our topic is called “Dreams and Goals”. We will be learning about how to set realistic goals and persevering even when we find tasks difficult. We will recognise who we work well with and explain some of the ways we have worked well as a team.

## Music

This half term our Music topic is called “Zootime”. Zootime is a reggae song. We will learn to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song. We will listen to different styles of reggae songs.

## PE

Our PE lessons this half term will be cheerleading. We will learn different poses, dance sequences and moves and perform these to music. We will think about different ways to move our bodies.



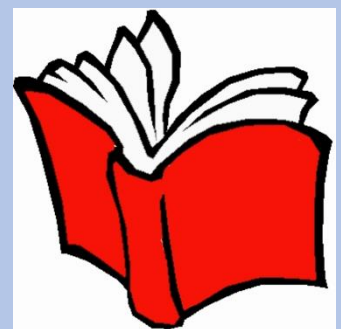
## RE

In RE, we will be learning about the Christian story of Easter. We will use Drama to act out the story to help us understand it. We will think about what the story means and why it is special for Christians.

## Homework

Children are expected to read to an adult for at least 10 minutes each night. All children will bring home a Read, Write Inc book which is closely matched to their phonic ability. This book is fully decodable and your child will be able to read all the sounds/words in the book, we are focusing on developing fluency so your child will keep the book for a week so they have chance to read it more than once. Half termly spellings will continue to be sent home for children to practise.

Your child should also know their TTRockstars and Numbots login, so they can practise times tables and number skills at home.



## Thank you

We really look forward to the term ahead. If you need to get in touch, please write a note in your child's reading record, or speak to a member of staff on the door at pick up or drop off time.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Miss Haygarth and Miss Manning (Year 2 Teachers)