

## Year 2 Term 2 Curriculum Newsletter

### Dear parents of year 2,

We hope you all had a restful half term. We are very excited to be back to a new term. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Ash or Mrs Dobson on Class Dojo.

### Please remember:

PE is outside on a Monday and indoor on a Friday for 2D and indoor on a Monday and outside on a Thursday for 2A.

Please ensure children have warm clothing for our outdoor PE lessons and bring PE kit into school on a Monday to keep in school all week.

Reading books and planners should be in school daily – reading books will be changed on a Monday and Friday.

Please read with your child as much as possible and sign their reading records to let us know – reading really is the key to learning!

### RWI:

Children have been grouped according to their reading level and are working in small groups. The phonics screening check will take place during the week of 22<sup>nd</sup> November. We are working hard to ensure all children pass the phonics screening test. You can help at home by listening to children read their RWI books and looking at activities on Oxford Owl by following this link.

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/read-write-inc-phonics-guide/>

### As Coningsby Scientists we will:

During the first half of the term we will continue to explore a range of materials and their uses. We will look at the properties of materials and why they are suited to their uses. We will identify different materials and consider what makes a material suitable for the purpose. We will make predictions, complete investigations, record results and data and explain the results.

During the second half of the term we will begin a new topic of Living Things and their Habitats. We will be investigating minibeasts, making bug hotels and choice chambers and looking at why a variety of animals are suited to their habitats.

### As Coningsby Mathematicians we will:

Explore addition and subtraction facts using apparatus, mental and written methods to calculate. We will look at the inverse relationship between addition and subtraction and use all of this to solve addition and subtraction problems. As well as this, we will look at money, recognising coins, and using the symbols for pounds and pence. We will solve problems involving money.



### As Coningsby Historians we will:

Look at the history of space travel, how it has changed and why scientists sent animals into space! We will be researching significant figures that have visited space including Neil Armstrong and Tim Peake and making fact files about them. Looking at how space and the moon are different to Earth and where the Earth is in the solar system, thinking about what the journey to space would be like and what a spacesuit needs to be equipped with.

### As Coningsby Artists and Designers we will:

We will be mixing paints with flour and glue to make the surface of Mars. We will then be making our own planets using papier mâché to create a solar system in our classroom. Designing a rocket and making constellations out of clay!

### Forest School

2A are really lucky this term to have Forest School with Mrs Wasley and Mrs Gates! Please ensure children have wellies and any outdoor clothing to protect uniform.

### As Coningsby believers we will:

Explore our Church School Value of Perseverance and look in detail at our Bible Stories for the Term: Solomon Builds the Temple. We will look at Islamic rites of passage, including a new baby and wedding celebrations.