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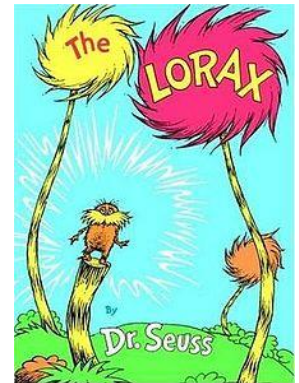
Year 2 Topic Letter –Spring Term 2023

Seeds and Thneeds

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! Welcome back to school, I hope you all had a restful break. The children have settled back into Year 2 really well and we are all excited about our new topic. This term, our topic will be **Science** based and will focus on plants and habitats. Having travelled around the world last term, we will now be focussing on our local area.

In **English**, the children have begun the topic by writing animal poems using descriptive language. After this, we will use the Dr Seuss book 'The Lorax' as the inspiration for our own writing. We will find out what a Thneed is, write setting descriptions and learn about persuasive writing. After half term, we will be reading the story 'Tidy', by Emily Gravett, and writing stories based on the perspective of one of the characters in the book. These stories link to our Science learning and will help the children consider local habitats and what animals need to survive. We will also do some non-fiction writing linked to the book 'Instructions' by Neil Gaiman.



We have started our **Science** learning this term by learning about plants. The children will observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants and we will be doing experiments to find out what plants need to grow and stay healthy. We will explore our local area to study the plants growing there and create some observational art.

In **Geography** and **History** this term, we will focus on our local area. The children will find out how London and Camden have changed throughout history by studying maps and aerial photographs. We will learn about significant individuals and think about how our area has changed over time. We will be doing some work around compass directions and maps in Geography, where the children will be making maps of our school.



Our **Art** and **DT** will be around plants and nature this term. We will study key artists such as Alma Thomas, Yayoi Kusama and Anthony Goldsworthy, looking at how nature inspires their work and making some of our own artwork based on this. In DT we will be designing and making bird feeders, as part of our work around improving our local environment.

In **Maths**, we will continue to follow the National Curriculum and White Rose. Our units this term will be around money, multiplication and division, length and height and mass, capacity



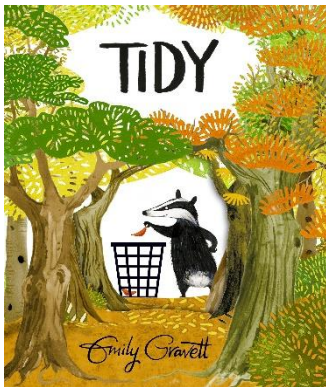
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and temperature. The children will continue to work with numbers to 100. Children will be learning to recognise and count coins and notes quickly recall and to use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables.

This term we will have **PE** sessions on Mondays with coach Keeley. Children must wear or bring in trainers on these days.



Please continue to read with your children daily and use the reading journal for a record of what they have read. The children will continue to change their books once a week (usually on Thursday or Friday), an up to date table of reading groups can be found on the classroom door.

It is important that children have their book bags, including their reading journals, in school every day. Please remember to return any books your child has borrowed from school each week so that they can be swapped for new ones.

Important Dates

Monday 23rd January – Burgh House

Tuesday 31st January – Dance workshop in school

Thursday 23rd February – History workshop in school

Thursday 2nd March – World Book Day

Thursday 9th March – Year Two Class Tea

Friday 10th March – Year Two Class Assembly

Wednesday 8th March – trip to Hampstead Heath for plants workshop (morning only)

Thursday 23rd March – trip to Hampstead Heath for maps workshop (morning only)

Thursday 23rd March – parent meetings

Friday 31st March - Last day of term (2pm finish)

We're very grateful for all the offers of parent helpers we've been receiving on school trips so far this year. This term, please let Lisa in the office know (in person or by email) if you're interested in helping on a trip and I will try to ensure as many different parents as possible can come along with us.

If you have any questions about your child's learning, please ask at the end of the day or email admin@fleet.camden.sch.uk.

Kind regards,
Ruth Hanfling