



# Newsletter

1<sup>st</sup> March 2013

## New half term topics

You will have received or will be receiving shortly a leaflet from your child's class about the new topics that they are learning about this half term. On those leaflets are also some ideas for work you could do at home with your child. Any research online, from books or through first hand experiences can really encourage your child's enthusiasm for the work they are doing at school.

### Year R

In Year R we are focussing on being 'Animal Detectives' linking Science, RE and Design Technology. All the children will have an opportunity to investigate dinosaurs, visit the vets or explore a jungle through our exciting role play areas. They will also look at all kinds of animals that come from eggs as a link to new life and Easter.

### Year 1

Year 1 are travelling back in time to the Victorian era. Based around their visit to the Weald and Downland Museum, Year 1 will be comparing houses in the past with houses in the present. They will also be making 3D houses using a variety of joining techniques.

### Year 2

Year 2's topic is Night Time Explorers. We will have our own Night Time Explorers Evening next week and then a trip to Marwell Zoo to finish the topic. The children will find out about nocturnal animals and decide (through research) whether the best habitat for them to live in would be London or Bordon.

## Upcoming events

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Year 2 Night Time Explorers Evening  
5:30pm-7:00pm

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Mother's Day shop for the children  
World Book Day events in school

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March

Year 1 school trip to Weald and  
Downland Open Air Museum  
Tiger class parent's assembly

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Red Nose Day. Dressing up  
as a dinosaur or wearing red  
Year R are having a farm come to visit  
them in school  
Kangaroo class parent's assembly



### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Year 2 school trip to Marwell Zoo

### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Easter Egg Hunt



### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

School closed for Staff Training Day

## Read Write Inc

Read Write Inc is the phonics and reading scheme that we use to teach the children reading and writing. Many parents at parents evening were asking for more information about it, specifically how to help their children and how to say the different sounds. The website address at the bottom of this box will take you to the parents section of Oxford University Press website which owns Read Write Inc. On this webpage is, amongst other things, a downloadable PowerPoint presentation that teaches you how to say all the different sounds we use. There is also a variety of other resources that you can use with your child if you wish. If you would like to know any more about how we teach phonics or about Read Write Inc in particular please talk to your child's class teacher

<http://www.oup.com/oxed/primary/rwi/forparents/>

## Year 2 Dragonology Topic

Year 2 finished off their topic on the Great Fire of London in spectacular fashion by making these amazing light up dragons. The children used their knowledge of electricity and making circuits to add lights to their model dragons, to make them look like they are really breathing fire. The children had a fantastic time making the models and the teachers were really grateful for the support of those parents who came in to help with the model making.

### Special School Lunches

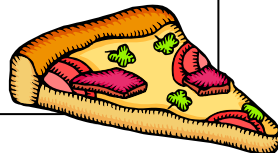
The school kitchen are going to have two special lunch days, one for Red Nose Day and one for Easter. These meals will need to be pre-ordered using the order form which we will be sending out in the next few days.

#### Red Nose Day Lunch

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March

#### Easter Lunch

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March



### Girls wearing boots

We are still having a few girls coming into school wearing boots. This does cause a problem for them as they do have to sit with their legs crossed on the carpet or in the hall during assembly. Sitting in this way while wearing boots is not very comfortable and does cause them to fidget and lose concentration. If you could make sure your child is wearing shoes it would really help them.

Thank you

Welcome back to a very short but jam packed half term. The children are well into their new topics and we hope that they come home as inspired and enthusiastic as they are being at school. If you know of any way in which you can support your child's topic in school please let your child's class teacher know. It might be you have access to some resources that might help them or you might know a lot about the topic they are covering and you would be willing to come into school to talk to the children. If not, just taking an interest in what your child is doing and encouraging a little bit of further investigation at home can go a long way to supporting them with their learning at school.

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