

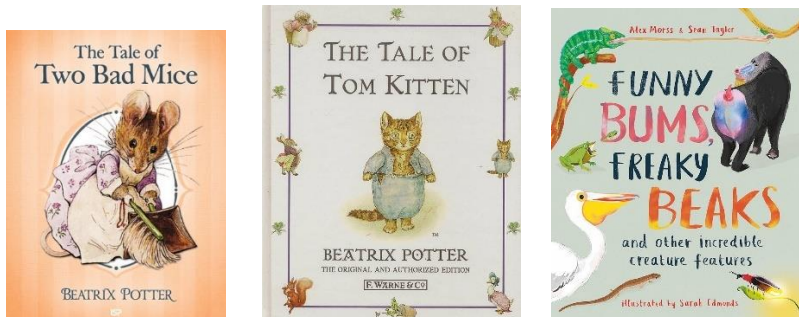
Fountains Class Newsletter Spring 1 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school and we hope everyone has had a wonderful Christmas holiday and happy new year. The next term is much shorter so there is lots to do!

Class Routines.

- Mondays is Forest Schools-children will need kit and wellies.
- Tuesdays is our Sports Coach day so please have PE kits in school that day. Children will be doing **OUTDOOR PE** with Mr Shimwell.
- Children will also need their PE kit in school on Fridays for **dance** inside.
- **English** - this term, the children will use the following texts:



In our fiction section, children will begin by finding out a little bit about the life of Beatrix Potter and explore some of the classic stories. They will compare and write imaginatively in response. This will include learning about verb tenses and revising sentence punctuation. Finally they will sequence events from one of the stories then plan and write a version of their own.

In our non fiction section, children will identify features of non-fiction texts and find out information about incredible creatures. They will revise sentence types and use subordinating conjunctions to add information. Then finally research, draft, write and edit a blog post of their own.

Year 1 will continue daily phonics and sentence writing focusing on new digraphs etc. Now the children are becoming more independent with their writing, we want them to remember correct letter formation and focus on cursive writing. There will be weekly spellings as usual, tested each Friday.

Year 2 will continue with 'Bridge to Spelling' and look at homophones and suffixes. Spellings are based on weekly learning plus common exception words.

In reading all children will continue with the Little Wandle Phonetically decodable Reading Scheme as well as take an additional book alongside.

In Science we are studying 'Everyday Materials and their uses'. This includes identifying and naming materials, describing their properties, plus comparing suitability.

Our PSHE theme is 'Dreams and Goals' This will include work on; Achieving realistic goals, perseverance, learning strengths, learning with others, group co-operation, contributing to and sharing success.



Our Topic theme this term has a History focus. Our enquiry question is 'How am I making history'? We will look at personal chronology and childhood in the past.

In **Computing** our learning is based around 'Grouping and Sorting' and 'Spreadsheets'.

In **RE** we will examine the question – Who is Jewish and what do they believe?

Homework

Year 2 children will continue with CGP English reading comprehension. They will have all week to complete it. This is in addition to weekly spellings which will continue to be given out each Friday, ready for a test the following Friday.

Again, all children will continue to take home their Little Wandle reading books. This will be on a Thursday, so children can read over the weekend and return on a Monday.

Year 1 children will have their weekly spellings as usual.

Notes

We will continue to keep you up to date with messages etc on class Dojo. Please don't hesitate to come and see me if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your continued support.

Best Wishes from Mrs Jackson and the Fountains Team!