

Dates to remember:

Date	Event
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Mondayay 11 th March - Friday 15 th March	Science Week
Friday 22 nd March	FOLBA Disco
Thursday 28 th March at 2pm	Term Ends
Monday 15 th April	Training Day
Tuesday 16 th April	Children back to school

Don't forget to keep checking on our school Twitter page, for photographs of school activities and sporting events that take place this year.



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Contacting your child's class teacher: If you need to speak to your child's teacher please contact the school office or talk to the teacher on the door. You can also email the teachers via the year group email: year2@ladybankes.school and we will get back to you as soon as possible.



Year 2 Newsletter

Spring Term 2024

Edition 4

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have settled well after the half term break and have been eager to continue their topic 'What kind of explorer would you be?' The children will begin to focus on their second explorer Neil Armstrong and the way in which he successfully explored Space and landed on the moon!

We hope the following information is of help to you. The aim is to give you a more detailed idea about activities and events taking place in Year 2 this half term.

The Year 2 team

This half term the children will be modelling their own Space Buggies, using egg boxes and designing mechanisms! These were a firm favourite with our Year 2's last year and they looked incredible 😊 We will be asking parents to provide a named egg box for your child, if you have any extra then please feel free to donate these also!

In Science, the children will be growing their own cress seeds and exploring what conditions are needed to ensure their plant grows and thrives. The children will be planting their seeds in four different areas of the classroom, experimenting with dark, light, water and no water to see what happens to each seed!

In English, the Space theme continues and the children will be creating a set of instructions for 'How to make an alien sandwich!' This writing topic is always loved by the children, especially as Mrs Smith tries the sandwiches for us! In addition to this writing topic, the children will also be exploring poetry and creating Acrostic Planet Poems.

End of Year Statutory Assessments for Year 2: As we move towards the end of Spring 2 and the beginning of Summer 1 the children will be engaging in lots of activities that reinforce and strengthen their Maths and Reading skills in preparation for the end of Key Stage 1 SATS. Key Stage 1 SATS are no longer statutory and schools are now given the choice to conduct these assessments if they so wish. Lady Bankes has decided to continue conducting SATS as they provide additional evidence to support your class teacher's end of year judgements for Reading and Maths. Please look out for SATS prep homework that will be sent out, particularly in Summer term 1. Children do not need to do any other preparation than the work sent home. Next week a SATS presentation will be uploaded onto Google Classroom, which will provide further information on what is tested and how your children's knowledge is tested E.g. format of papers, length of time to complete etc. So please keep an eye out for this!

Trips and visitors' information 2022: Please make sure you have completed your child's permission slip to attend Whipsnade Zoom in the Summer term (this will be coming out very shortly). This form is available on Google Classroom and the contribution for Whipsnade Zoo should be completed via Parent Pay.

P.E: Children are expected to have their named PE kits in for PE days. As the weather is colder, please ensure your child has black jogging bottoms, shorts, their school colour house top and the school PE zip jacket.

	PE days	
2HF and 2ED	Tuesday	Friday
2US	Tuesday	Wednesday

Home learning: Thank you for all the parents and children that are completing their home learning at home. The children are expected to complete these tasks and evidence should be uploaded via Google Classroom (a photo) by the following **Wednesday**. Please email the Year 2 team if you have any issues or are struggling to complete the tasks set. We have included our home learning timetable to remind you of the expectations.

	Handed out	Due in
English	Friday	Wednesday
Maths	Friday	Wednesday
Reading	Minimum five times per week	
Spellings (Spring term)	Weekly	Tested in class every Friday am.