

# Farnborough Primary School

TERM TWO — YEAR TWO

HAPPY ★ NEW ★ YEAR

## Welcome Back!

I hope that you have all had a wonderful Christmas. It has been lovely sharing the children's stories and excitement of their Christmas holidays.

Thank you for joining us for our Christmas production. Your children are all superstars!

I am looking forward to helping the children work hard and to an exciting and successful term ahead!

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Matthews

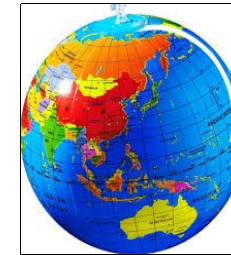


## Oh, The Places You'll Go!

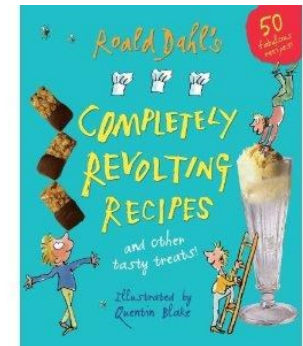
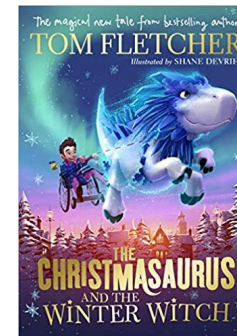
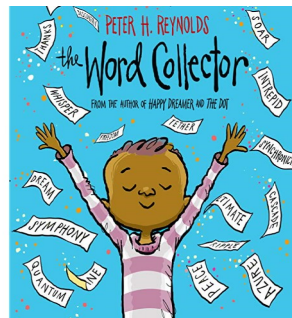
This term the children will learn about two different countries as they travel around the world and discover many wonderful and exciting places.

Our key question will be 'Are all islands the same?'

Initially the children will be taken on an adventure to the island of Madagascar (unfortunately we won't actually be going there!)



We will be enjoying reading a variety of texts in class together, including:



## English

As readers and writers we will be exploring different types of texts including poetry, instruction writing and explanation texts. We will be continuing to build on our knowledge of grammar and punctuation.

Reading will continue to be a focus in Year 2 with a particular emphasis on fluency and comprehension. Please continue to read with your child every night and discuss their understanding of the text.



## Mathematics

As Mathematicians we will be reinforcing strategies used for the four different calculations of adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing. We shall continue to practise our number facts and times tables. We shall be looking at time and measure. All of these skills will be developed through open ended and problem solving activities which will enable the children to draw upon their ever increasing knowledge.



## Science

As Scientists our topic is Uses of Everyday Materials. We will be investigating the properties of materials and thinking about why different materials are suitable for a variety of reasons. We will be looking at some of the ways in which materials can be changed and also finding out about famous inventors. We will be working scientifically to gather data, record and discuss our findings.



## Computing

In Computing this term we will be looking at how we organise, store, retrieve & manipulate data. We will also continue learning about e-safety and the importance of communicating online safely and respectfully.



## RE

As good citizens our focus will be on multi-cultural stories. We will be finding out about the beliefs of different religions and the key ideas and values. We will discuss why Easter is an important time for Christians.

## Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 8th January— Children return to school

Friday 14th February — Break up for half-term

Monday 24th February — Children return to school

Thursday 5th March — World Book Day

Thursday 2nd April 3:30 to 8:00 pm — Parents' Evening

## PE

As Athletes we shall continue to develop ball skills during our outdoor PE lessons. Indoor PE sessions will continue to develop the children's gymnastic abilities. Could you please ensure PE kit is in school everyday and that all items are clearly labelled.

## Music

As Musicians we will be learning songs about the world including Louis Armstrong's 'What a Wonderful World'. We will also be using instruments to accompany them.



## P.S.C.H.E

As members of our community we will be considering dreams and goals. We will discuss how to stay motivated when doing something challenging and how to have a positive attitude.

## Art/DT

As Artists and designers we will continue to use a range of materials to develop techniques of colour, pattern, texture, line, shape, form and space. We will create artwork based on Henri Rousseau's painting 'Surprised!'

## Support at Home

In Year 2, ALL homework will be given out on a Thursday, it should be returned by Tuesday.

Year 2 will have their spelling test on a Friday.

Please listen to your child read for at least 5 minutes every night.