# **Farnborough Primary School**

**TERM TWO — YEAR TWO** 

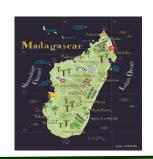


# Welcome Back!



The Unicorns team are very excited about teaching your children this term. We are looking forward to all our learning journeys we will have together.

Thank you for your continued support, Miss Morrison and Mrs McDonald



# Madagascar v Greenland: which island would be easier to live on?

The children will be going on a geography adventure to Madagascar and Greenland. On both islands they will investigate their locations, weather, climate, animals that live there and much more.

After their extensive research they will then answer the 'Big Question' - Madagascar v Greenland: which island would be easier to live on with evidence to support their ideas.



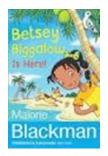
We will be enjoying reading a variety of texts in the class together,















# **English**

As readers and writers we will be exploring different types of non-fiction and fiction texts. This will enable children to identify and use the features of information texts, character descriptions, action and adventure stories and persuasive text which will lead to them writing their own. 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 (number bonds of all numbers to 20) and times tables (2,5 and 10). We shall be looking at statistics 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 'What materials do you need to build a snowmobile?' 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 written work and create animations. 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 What is Right and Wrong? This will be seen through different religions. The children will look at making choices and the effect of good influences. We will discuss why Easter is an important time for Christians.



# Dates for your Diary

Friday 3rd February—NSPCC Number Day

6—10 February—children's mental health week
Friday 10 February — school breaks up for half term
Monday 20 February — spring term 2 starts for children

Parent Meetings—TBC

Class trip—TBC

Friday 31 March — Last day of spring term

#### PE

As Athletes we shall continue to develop skills of hitting, catching and running during our outdoor PE lessons.



#### Music

As Musicians we will be learning songs with a focus on rhythm, pulse and beat. We will also be using instruments to accompany the different musical elements.



### 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. We will create artwork based on Henri Rousseau's painting 'Surprised!' In design technology we will design a monster that will move using a linkage mechanism.

# 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.