

SHERWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

YEAR 2 SPRING 1 NEWSLETTER



KEY VOCABULARY

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| plant | a living thing that grows in the ground, usually has leaves or flowers, and needs sun and water to survive. |
| shoot | new growth from seed germination that grows upward, where leaves will develop. |
| seedlings | a young plant, especially one raised from seed. |
| germination | the development of a plant from a seed after a period of dormancy. |
| bulb | a plant that stores its complete life cycle in an underground storage structure. |
| develop | to cause (something) to grow or become bigger or more advanced. |
| Physical feature | a feature on Earth's surface that has been formed by nature. |
| Human feature | a feature on Earth's surface that has been built by humans. |
| shelter | what people and animals use to protect themselves from their surroundings |

Spring 1 2024

Welcome back after the Christmas break! We hope you all had an enjoyable time off and are now feeling refreshed and ready to learn! If you do have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

READING BOOKS

Please remember that reading books are changed on a **Tuesday** and a **Friday** each week. Please make sure children have their **home reading** and **library books** in school every day.

PE KITS

We will be completing our PE sessions on a **Monday** and **Wednesday** this half term. Please can we stress that children need to have a **LABELLED** indoor and outdoor PE kit with trainers and pumps.

BEACON FELL

On Thursday 22nd February, Year 2 are taking part in an exciting trip! We are heading to the beautiful Beacon Fell, where we will be taking part in den building and spotting geographical features.

KEY KNOWLEDGE

By the end of this half term, we would like the children to be able to locate Beacon Fell on a map. We would also like the children to recognise human and physical features on and around Beacon Fell. We will be revisiting what each symbol on a map means and what a key is used for. We would also like the children to compare Sherwood and Beacon Fell and identify different wildlife living in both areas.

THIS HALF TERM WE ARE READING:

This half term we will be reading '**Chilly Billy**' - **The Man who lives in the fridge!** The children will be reading about Chilly Billy's important job he has! The children will write their own Chilly Billy adventure based on these short stories.

CLASS TEXTS: We are still reading class texts usually at the end of the school day. 2KH are still reading 'The Twits' by Roald Dahl and 2AH will be reading 'I Swapped my Brother on the Internet' by Jo Simmons.

WRITING FOCUS

This half term we will be continuing to focus on writing in full sentences which begin with a capital letter and end with a full stop. This half term we are focusing on using apostrophes for possession. We will also be trying to include the words 'while', 'as', 'before' and 'after' to relate to time. We will use the past tense to write our own Chilly Billy stories. We will also be learning about and planning our own stories using a story map. We will be writing our non-chronological reports about Beacon Fell.

KEY MATHS SKILLS

In Maths this half term, we will be recapping our knowledge of Place Value. We will be reminding ourselves what partition means and how many ways we can partition 2 digit numbers. We will be looking at shape, particularly focusing on 3D shapes and the properties of these (how many faces, sides and edges each shape has). We will be then carrying out some practical work based on the mass of objects. We will compare and order different masses. We will also be revising our division knowledge and the two different ways we can solve division problems. We will also recap on using different amounts of money to work out change.