

# Year 2 Spring Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our topic this half term is about plants.

## Science

We will use our topic to learn about how plants grow and what they need to grow well. We will set up a bean growing experiment to test our ideas. We will collect evidence of how plants grow as the weeks pass and data to



prove or disprove our theories about what plants need to grow well. We will then apply this new knowledge to a new seed and try to grow it.

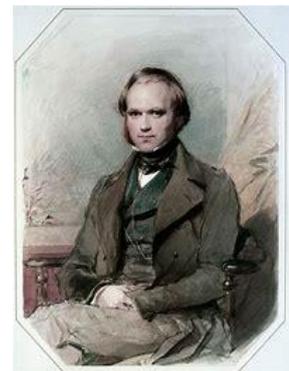


## History

We will use our topic to think about 2 historical figures of the past – Charles Darwin and Beatrix Potter. We will follow Charles Darwin's early career as a botanist and his voyage on The Beagle to the Galapagos islands. We will look at a range of evidence and evaluate how reliable it is.



We will then apply our knowledge of reliable evidence to sources for Beatrix Potter and build up a presentation about her life and work.



## Art

Art will be carried out through our 2 historical figures. They were both great artists as well as botanists and authors. We will use Charles Darwin's scientific drawings of plants to learn about sketching and perspectives. The children will learn the skills of using shapes to draw images accurately, understanding perspectives by drawing the same object from different angles and making shades of colours for realism. They will finish the topic with creating a piece of botanical artwork using these skills.



PE

Our timetable has not changed for PE, we have Mr Rockett on a **Wednesday** with cricket and a games session with me on **Thursday** afternoon. Now the weather is warming up the children might use the yard so trainers and jackets are welcome.

Prizes

The children have decided that they would like to work towards another film day at the end of the half term so we will earn our way through a range of sweet treats to eat on the day.

Times Table Rock Stars

We have a new initiative in school to encourage our children to learn their times tables. It is an internet based game called Times Table Rock Stars. The children will be coming home with a user name to log on at home. There will be time in the curriculum to practice but knowing these number facts improves maths skills



enormously so any practise at home would be great. I will be checking regularly who has been practising and if their score is improving. The score is based on how quickly the children answer the equations.

Reading

Reading at home is always important. We still give out 2 dojos for 3 reads in a week. The children need to bring their reading records in on a Friday and leave them on my desk.

English Institute of Sport

We have a trip planned for **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March**. You should have received the letter already. The children have already ordered their school pack lunch for the day. Please remember to dress your child in their PE kit for the day with a pair of trainers and something warm on top for the journey before and after the day.

Any questions please feel free to come and ask or send them via the dojo app.

Many thanks, Mrs Potts, Mrs Owen and Mrs Holden