



Lower Key Stage 2 Newsletter

Spring 1 Edition 2021

Message from Mrs Hemingway

Welcome to the Spring 1 LKS2 newsletter! The beginning of 2022 continues to be an often different and challenging time, but the children have maintained their exceptional attitudes since returning to school after the Christmas break. They have settled back in amazingly well. They have continued to adapt to the changes that sometimes face them and show excellent resilience to every challenge, often embracing these. This termly newsletter will continue to celebrate the work the children have achieved and give you an insight into what the next term will entail. I will also remind you of relevant information and important messages. As always, thank you for continuing to support.

Dates for the Diary

- Big Garden Birdwatch – 28th – 30th January
- LGBT History Month – February
- Queen's 70th Platinum Jubilee – 6th Feb (celebrations in June)
- Safer Internet Day – 8th February

Christmas at Dane Royd

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for coming to watch the children in our Christmas Productions. I am sure you will agree that the children were exceptional. Also, thank you for donating towards the programmes, this is much appreciated and will go towards new costumes next year.

Steps to Success

These were sent home before Christmas. The teachers enjoyed having discussions with the children about their effort and progress. Please feel free to discuss these with class teachers should you have any questions.

Spring 1 Topics

In Spring 1, we will be learning all 'Extreme Earth' in our Geography topic. We will be exploring the text 'Nim's Island' by Wendy Orr in our reading and writing lessons to tie in with this! In Science, we will be investigating 'Animals Including Humans.' For further information about these topics, please refer to the curriculum booklet that has been sent home via ParentMail. Knowledge organisers have been sent home for both Geography and Science, and these contain vocabulary and key facts you may wish to discuss with your children to support their learning.

LKS2 Email Address

Please do not hesitate to contact me via email (lks2lead@daneroyd.com) with any queries you have. This email address provides a quick way to get in touch with myself so that any enquiries can be dealt with promptly.

Well being

Mental health, wellbeing and mindfulness is crucial in children's progress and development. The following 'screen free' activities are here to help with relaxation time and to help your child take care of their own mindfulness and wellbeing with the aim of promoting a positive self-attitude.

- Write down your 'Perfect Day.' This could be something you are looking forward to doing.
- Build a den - Make your own private place using a couple of chairs and an old sheet or towel.
- Have time away from any screens - maybe have a go at a board game or create your own game!
- Go on a spring nature walk - perfect in time for the Big Garden Birdwatch at the end of January.

Twitter

Each class has its own Twitter account. We use the class accounts to share news about what the children have been up to. We try to update these as regularly as possible, so make sure you follow your child's class to see all their exciting learning.

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Notes for parents

- If you would like your child to have milk, please follow the link to order. www.freshpastures.co.uk
- Please order your child's lunch via Hungry Minds prior to coming to school. <https://www.feedinghungryminds.co.uk/>
- Please remember that your children need to bring their water bottles into school every day with only water in.
- A reminder that reading books and records are to be returned to school every Tuesday and new books will be sent home each Friday.
- As the weather is still cold, winter P.E. kits should now be worn (black jogging bottoms and black jacket) and children need to bring a coat to school every day.