

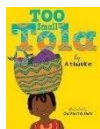
# The Great Outdoors – KS1 Spring term 2

## 2023-2024

We have lots of exciting activities planned to fill the rest of the Spring term. We will be preparing for our class assemblies and enjoying a trip to the Nature Reserve to observe seasonal changes.

### English:

This half term we will be using the story 'Too Small Tola' by Atinuke to write about dilemmas. We will read Aesop's Fables before writing our own fable.



Phonics lessons will take place daily. In Year 1 the children will be introduced to the **phase 5 sounds**. In Year 2 the children will have their daily spelling sessions. Please remember to login to Spelling Shed using the login in their planner so pupils can practise their weekly spellings before the Quiz each Monday.

We will continue to carry out 3 adult led reading practice sessions a week, focusing on fluency, prosody and comprehension. Your child will then be taking home their reading book to continue to practise on Fridays.

### Maths:

In Year 1 we will be continuing our learning on place value, including how numbers are composed of tens and ones. Then we'll have some fun with practical maths measuring lengths, heights and weights.

In Year 2 we will be exploring measurements, comparing the length and height of objects, whilst using cm and m units.



**Computing:** This half term the children will be learning how to collect data using a tally chart and use simple charting software to produce pictograms and other basic charts.

### Science:

This term we will be learning how to be botanists by identifying and sketching plants. We'll also be looking at seasonal changes, tying this in with our trip to the Nature Reserve.

### History:

This half term we will be continuing our learning about **explorers!** We will be focusing on important explorers through time: Felicity Aston, Jean Baret, Ernest Shackleton, Marco Polo and Matthew Henson.

**Thinking and Feeling:** This half term, the children will develop a familiarity with the names of the main external parts of the body and become more confident in describing them. They will develop respect for their bodies and an understanding of how important it is to look after their body. The children will also consider simple hygiene practices and their levels of responsibility for these.

### Please Remember:

Logins for Spelling Shed (Y2) are in the back of your child's planner. Please write in the planner every time you listen to your child read at home.

**RE:** We'll be learning about the Easter story and Spring festivals this term.



### Key Dates:

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March (Lapland) and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March (Caribbean and Adriatic) – Nature Reserve Trip 9:00am-11:30am. *Volunteers Needed*

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Lapland Class Assembly

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 8:40am – Y2 Timestable Rockstar breakfast

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Adriatic Class Assembly

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Caribbean class Assembly

**Art:** We will be learning about the creations of Nick Park, for example the characters Wallace and Gromit, and creating our own 3D character.



**DT:** This half term we will create picture frames from recycled materials.

Please contact us with any questions or comments you may have. We will be available at the classroom door each day, or you can contact us via email at your convenience.

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