



# Yew Tree Community School

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## Year 2 Spring 2 Newsletter

Hello and welcome back to school. We hope that you all had a great week off. Please remember that our learning begins promptly at 8:45 in the morning as children complete number of the day/topic retrieval quiz. Doors will open just before this time to allow children to get settled.

### English

#### Writing

This term, we will be using the text 'Meerkat Mail' by Emily Gravett. Over this half term, we will be reading the text together and completing a number of writing activities based on this story. We will be writing a character description based on the main character, Sunny the Meerkat. After that, we will be moving on to create a setting description for Sunny's home in the Kalahari Desert.

#### Reading

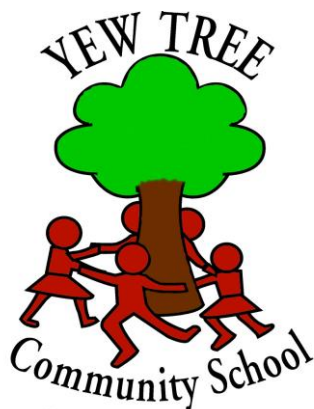
Children will continue to be given two books to take home weekly. One book will be matched to their reading ability and the other will be a book they have picked to read for pleasure. Books will be expected back in school each Thursday. Books will be checked/changed and given back out each Friday. If books are not returned, we will send out reminder letters and if the books are still not returned, we will ask for a contribution from the family to replace the lost books.

### Maths

We will be learning about length and height. We will learn how to measure in cm and metres and apply this to our prior knowledge of the 4 operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). Then we will move onto mass, capacity and temperature. Pupils will have the opportunity to measure in grams, kilograms, mm and litres. At home, please can we continue to practise our 2s, 5s and 10 times tables. This can be done using timetable rockstars.

### History, Geography and Science

During this half term, our theme is 'Why is our World Wonderful?'. This topic involves looking at famous landmarks and physical/humans features around the world. Children will learn how to use an atlas to locate the worlds countries/continents and oceans. In Science, we will also be looking at 'Animal Life Cycles and Health'. In this topic, children will begin to identify the stages of human and animal life cycles and carry out tests to record growth.



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## **Trip Reminder:**

We are in the process of organising a pond dipping experience for the children to link to our Science topic. We are waiting for confirmation of dates from the company.

## P.E

All classes have P.E on Monday and Tuesday. The topics will be 'Gymnastics' and 'Bat and Ball'. They will be learning how to balance and build a gymnastics sequence to perform. Please ensure your child has the correct kit (yellow polo shirt and black shorts– available for purchase from reception), including footwear (trainers/pumps). Due to the cold weather, children are allowed black joggers or leggings.

## Music/PSHE/DT

In PSHE, children will be looking at 'Healthy Me' and discussing how to keep their bodies and minds healthy and positive. In music, they will be exploring 'Timbre, Dynamics, Temp and Motifs'. Children will be able to explain how the same instrument can have many different sounds. They will then go on to create and play a motif with instruments. In, DT they will be learning about the mechanics of a Ferris wheel and then they will design and make their own.

**Please bring in any available egg cartons and cereal boxes within the next 2 weeks so the children can make their own Ferris wheels.**

## Homework

Homework will continue to be sent out weekly and needs to be returned every Thursday. A log will be kept of pupils' completed work. Homework will be set for maths, comprehension and spelling. Pupils will have a spelling test each Friday.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Khatun, Mrs Bloom, Miss Cropper and Miss Colley