



## Our March Value

This month our value is 'Equality'. Please discuss the meaning of the value with your child and what it means for them.

## Key dates

- Bannockburn Fun Run **Sunday 8th March**- All family members welcome!
- International Evening **Wednesday 25th March** – Tickets on sale 5<sup>th</sup> March
- Homework due **Friday 20th March**
- Last day of term **Friday 27th March**
- School returns **Monday 13th April**

## Thank you

Thank you to all parents, carers and children for an excellent start to the Spring Term. We hope that you enjoyed the half term holiday and are ready for another term of learning. A reminder to parents to write a weekly comment in your child's home reading record. This helps teachers know how they are reading at home.

## Your Year 2 Team

Miss. Stannett-Daborn - Acer

Mr. Stafford – Beech

Miss. McCulloch and Mrs. Bevan – Cedar

Miss. Bennett - Sycamore

## English

In English, we will be looking at Non- Fiction. We will be creating text maps to aid our understanding of recounts and persuasive leaflet writing. We will be writing a recount of our 'Wilderness Day' and create our own persuasive leaflets.

**You can help:** Read some persuasive leaflets at home and discuss persuasive techniques and language at home.

## Maths

In Mathematics, we will be continuing our learning of addition and subtraction of two digit numbers using place value. We will then use this knowledge to help us add money, find change and understand the value of notes and coins.

**You can help:** Count with your child in 2s, 5s and 10s, forwards and backwards. You can also help by asking your child to find missing numbers on a number line to 100.

## Reading Reminders

Please ensure that you regularly read with your child. You can develop their comprehension skills by asking, **what, when, where, why and who** questions and ask them to give their opinions about the text they are reading.

To ensure that your child will be sent home with a new reading book every Friday, please comment on your child's progress within their 'Reading Record'.

## Homework

Homework will be sent out each half term. Children have the opportunity to collect a maximum of **10 points** during each set of homework. These points will be documented in their homework tracker, which will remain at school for the school year. Please check the date homework is due and ensure homework is not returned after the due date. This allows the class teachers to share, review and return your child's work before the half term break.

## Reminders

### Lunches -

- Send your child in with a named water bottle every day.
- Ensure your child has a healthy lunch with water only. No fizzy/flavoured drinks or chocolate bars. A school lunch menu is available on the school website.

### Playground/Start of Day –

- Parents should accompany children to school. Year 2 parents to drop off/collect from the **Bannockburn Road** gate. The gates are open for 10 minutes, giving you time to collect without queuing. There is no queue in the last 5 minutes.

### Safe Driving and Parking -

- Please do not drop off children in the middle of the road and avoid stopping/parking on yellow zig-zags. We encourage all families to walk if possible.

### Uniform –

- Ensure that your child's name is written on all of their clothing including bags and P.E clothing.
- No jewellery, including bracelets, necklaces and watches are to be worn with exception of the Kara worn by Sikhs.

## Our topic

This term our topic will be '**The Wilderness**'. During this topic, your child will focus on the text 'Wild'. We will use this text to understand how authors create journey tales and use persuasive techniques in their writing.

This half term we will also take part in a 'Wilderness Day' where we will investigate what an explorer is and identify some of the great wilderness areas of our planet!



## Science

In Science this term, we will be learning about living things and their habitats. We will explore a range of habitats throughout the coming weeks, such as, the rainforests, deserts and the Polar regions. We will learn about the animals and plant life that live in these habitats. The children will use their comparison skills to compare familiar and unfamiliar habitats and we will also learn about food chains.

The children will also take part in a scientific enquiry where they will identify, group and classify things that are living, dead and things that have never been alive.

## P.E

In P.E this term, we will be focusing on football and aerobics

When learning about aerobics we will be exploring different high intensity workouts.

In football, we will be learning how to attack, defend, and take part in friendly competitions.

### Reminders:

Please send your child in wearing their PE kits on their allocated PE days.

**Acer P.E days – Monday and Thursday**

**Beech P.E days –Wednesday and Friday**

**Cedar P.E days – Tuesday and Friday**

**Sycamore P.E days – Monday and Thursday**

## R.E

In R.E this term we will be learning about Christianity.

We will be:

- Learning about the Christian beliefs
- Learning about Palm Sunday and Easter
- Learning about Jesus and his significance for Christians.

At the end of our learning we will be trying hot cross buns and discussing how other religions celebrate using food.

## E-safety

- Please ensure your child is safe when using the internet at home. A reminder to all parents to check the age recommendation when your child is playing online games and using apps.
- It is essential that your child does not share any important information with strangers and discussing this with your child is paramount.
- Check the school website for parent forum/workshops on how you can support your child.

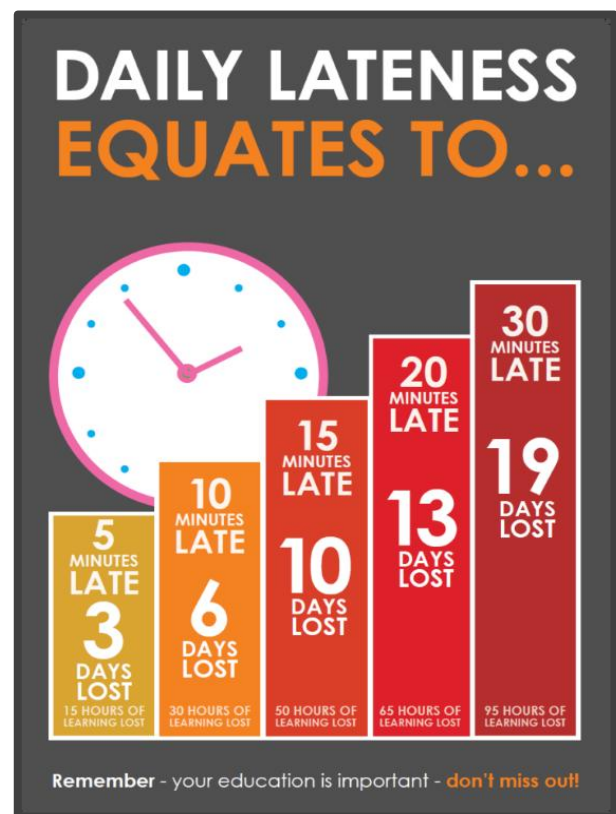
Please visit these useful e-safety websites, offering guidance and advice...

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/schools-esafety>

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>



## Families at Bannockburn

If you can offer to support the school with events, run uniform sales, fundraise through school fairs and community events, this would be very much appreciated.

If you would like to offer your time and be a part of the FAB team, then please get in touch by emailing; [workingtogether@bannockburn.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:workingtogether@bannockburn.greenwich.sch.uk)



Remember to access our online platforms for Reading and Mathematics. Should you need your child's log in details, please ask your child's teacher.