



# Whiteknights

## Growing Greatness

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! We have had a great start to the term, with the children enthusiastic to learn about our new topic: **The Animal Kingdom**.

### PE

Year 2 pupils will continue to have PE on Mondays and Fridays. Please ensure your child has the correct kit to change into for these sessions and it is brought back for the next PE lesson.

Please also ensure that all clothing and items that are brought into school are clearly **named**. This includes; all parts of the school uniform, P.E kit, shoes, trainers, coats, lunch boxes, water bottles and book bags.

### Reading

Reading folders must stay in their book bags and be brought to school **every day**. Please encourage your child to look after the books by putting them in the provided plastic folder. If a reading book is damaged or lost you may be asked to pay for a replacement. Please record in the diary **daily** when you have listened to your child read. Please record the title, the pages read, any additional comments about their reading that you may wish to write and details of any completed Accelerated Reader quizzes. Children will continue to visit the school library every other Tuesday, where they will have the opportunity to select a library book in addition to a new AR book from class book shelves on a Monday or Thursday.

### Topic

Please support your child with creating something based on research of an animal. This could be; a poster, small 3d model of their features, poem about an animal, picture with labels with interesting information and facts. Please keep the projects smaller than a tissue box. Please bring them in by the 2nd February.

### Home Learning

In addition to reading with your child daily, we ask you to support them with both their maths home learning and spellings.

### Maths

Every Monday, we will continue to set pages from your child's White Rose Maths booklet. As mentioned before, **please do not go ahead of the schedule** provided as your child may not have learned this concept in school yet. Please also remember to **mark your child's work with them**, using the QR code on Page 1 of the book. These books will be checked every Monday so please ensure they are in school this day.



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### Year 2 - White Rose Maths Home Learning

Year 2	
Homework Due Date	Pages
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	42 - 43
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	45 - 47
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	48 - 50
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	52 - 54
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	55 - 57

### Spellings

Every Monday, we will continue to hand out a list of spellings for your child to learn. These spellings are linked to our spelling scheme and support them to write with confidence. If you can, please ensure they are frequently practised at home so that your child feels confident when they complete their spelling test the following Monday.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to come and see us.

Kind Regards,

Miss Mulford and Mrs Brown.

Year 2 Teachers



Year Group - 2

Term - Spring 1

### English

We will be continuing our Guided Reading learning using Animal Atlas. This term, our Talk for Writing lessons are focusing on writing a letter as well as a set of instructions. Each lesson begins with a spelling, punctuation and grammar activity. We will also be having a focus on handwriting to support the children's letter formation and joins.

### Maths

We are continuing to teach from White Rose maths. This half term, our focus will be money and Multiplication and Division. Each lesson involves a fluency, reasoning and problem solving activity. We will use concrete, abstract and pictorial opportunities to build competency in all areas of maths.

### Computing

We will be learning to use databases to find the answer to simple and complex questions. We will be collecting information and putting it into a database for the pupils to then search through to find answers to questions about this data.

## Topic: Animal Kingdom

### Music

We will continue to practice our use of recorders. We will be learning further notes that will help us to play a simple tune and clarifying the vocabulary for the different musical notations.

**Outdoor PE:** Multi skills work including ball skills, balancing, coordination and control. Children are to cooperate in a team and recognise success and be able to evaluate.

**Indoor PE:** Gymnastics. We will be working to perform a sequence in unison showing good body tension and control.

### Geography - Identifying animals around the World.

We will be learning the seven continents and naming native animals to each. We will locate the equator and hot and cold regions and investigate the animals that live in these climates.

### Science—Living Things and their habitats.

We will be describing habitats and identifying what lives there. Our habitats will be spanning the Animal Kingdom, on land and in water, and looking at the habitats of animals of all sizes including Microhabitats. We will explain why features of an animal make them suited to a particular habitat. We will research Jacques Cousteau, a marine biologist, and learn about his important work.

### Art

The children will be looking at sculptures by Joan Miro and modelling their own animal sculptures made out of clay.

### RE

We will be learning about the religion—Islam. We will be discovering how and why Muslims pray.

### PSHE - Connect

Our topic is 'Give to Others'. During this unit, children will reflect on positive actions, whilst thinking about how those actions made them feel. They will also consider other ways that they can show kindness by giving in a variety of different ways.

### Curriculum Enrichment

SPLAT session on Thursday 5th February at 2.00pm  
Zoology trip to Reading University

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