



## Key Dates



| Date  | Event  |
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| <b>Monday 4th November</b>                                | FS2 vision screening (in school)                     |
| <b>Tuesday 7th November 3.05 4.00</b>                     | <b>Maths stay and play parent event</b>              |
| Friday 8th November 10.00—11.00                           | Toileting coffee morning parent event                |
| 14th—19th November<br><i>Open at drop off and pick up</i> | Book fair in school<br>KS1 hall                      |
| Wednesday 27th Nov.<br>8.00—8.30 + 3.05—3.30              | FS2 Come in and read parent event                    |
| <b>Wednesday 4th December</b>                             | Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day (in school) |
| Tuesday 10th December 3.15—5.00                           | FS2 Christmas craft drop in parent event             |
| Monday 16th December 2:00                                 | FS2 Christmas play                                   |
| Tuesday 17th December 9:30am                              | FS2 Christmas play                                   |
| <b>Wednesday 18th December</b>                            | Christingle (not open to parents to attend)          |
| <b>Thursday 19th December</b>                             | Christmas Party Day (in school)                      |
| <b>Friday 20th December</b>                               | Inset day - Christmas holiday begins!                |
| <b>Monday 6th January</b>                                 | Back to school<br>(First day of Spring 1)            |

## PE days

Below states what day your child's PE day is. On this day children should come to school dressed in their PE kit.

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| <b>FS2W</b> | Monday    |
| <b>FS2D</b> | Wednesday |
| <b>FS2S</b> | Thursday  |



## Instagram

Please follow our Instagram account to see all the lovely things we get up to at school.



@mbpsfs2

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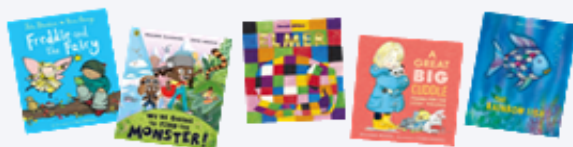
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## FS2's

## RECOMMENDED READING



| TITLE                                      | AUTHOR           |
|--|------------------|
| Lost and Found                             | Oliver Jeffers   |
| A Squash and a Squeeze                     | Julia Donaldson  |
| Freddie and the Fairy                      | Julia Donaldson  |
| The Gruffalo                               | Julia Donaldson  |
| We're Going to Find the Monster            | Melanie Blackman |
| We're Going on a Bear Hunt                 | Michael Rosen    |
| Ravi's Roar                                | Tom Percival     |
| The Rainbow Fish                           | Marcus Pfister   |
| Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Did You Hear? | Eric Carle       |
| Honda's Surprise                           | Bleen Browne     |
| Elmer                                      | David McKee      |
| Ruby's Worry                               | Tom Percival     |
| A Great Big Cuddle                         | Michael Rosen    |

We read lots of amazing books with the children in FS2.

Our 'recommended reading list' consists of books that we read in **every** class in FS2. If you are looking for books to read at home with your children, this list is a great place to start.

## Our new topic for Autumn 2 is ..... Animals!

This half term we are looking at **animals**. We will look at the **animal groups**, be introduced to the vocabulary; **herbivores**, **carnivores** + **omnivores**, look at different **biomes** and spend some time learning about **zoo animals**. Over the course of the topic, we'll think about why animals are in zoo's, look at both **endangered** and **extinct** animals and understand what **predators** and **prey** mean.



In **literacy** we will continue to hear as many sounds as we can in words and start to write phonetically plausible words and sentences. We will also continue our name writing and handwriting to ensure correct letter formation.



In **maths** we will focus on numbers to 10. We will order numbers, count reliably, subitise numbers to 5, look at number bonds to 5 and lastly look at one more and one less than a number.



In **phonics** we will learn the last few sounds of our phase 2 phonics. We will then consolidate our phase 2 phonics learning and have plenty of opportunity to practise our blending and reading of phase 2 CVC words and start to introduce the superpower words I, no, go, to into and the.

***By the end of the half term we will also get into the Christmas spirit and do lots of Christmas themed learning too!***



### Home learning

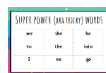
If you'd like to build on school based learning at home, here are a selection of ideas.



**Chorus**  
Education Trust

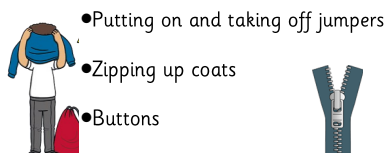
#### Phonics

Play a game of heads up! Write a phase 2 sound/ CVC word/ super power word on a post it note and stick it to your child's head. Can they guess what is stuck on their head?



#### Physical Development

Can you practise getting dressed and undressed? Think to work on:



#### Writing

Continue to practise writing your name!

Can you practise your handwriting to make sure letters are formed correctly. You could do this with chalks outside, funky felt tips or with your finger in a tray of salt :)



#### Maths

Can you practise counting forwards and backwards from 10, recognising numerals 0-10 and ordering numbers 0-10? The **Topmarks** website is a great interactive resource to practise counting through simple games.



#### English - reading

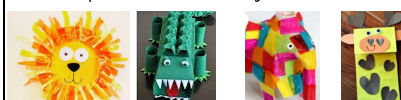
Enjoy reading your favourite stories in some weird and wonderful places. Maybe in a den you've made, in your garden, up a tree, in a cosy spot. Please send up some pictures for us to share too!



#### Expressive Art and Design

Can you create some animal pictures or models?

You could use paint, playdoh, recycled materials, paper plates, toilet roll tubes, pencils, natural art from outdoors.....



#### Funky fingers

In school, lots of our activities focus on building up the muscles in our fingers and hands. This helps develop our fine motor skills.



This can be a lot of fun! Have you tried a dough disco at home?

#### Reading

Each week in school, we are learning new phonics sounds to help us in our reading journey. Practising reading at home helps us to embed new learning and build on this as well as building our confidence as early readers too!

We recommend for your child to read a couple of pages around 3x a week.