



# Year 2 Newsletter

## Spring 2024



Welcome back to another exciting term at Bartons; hopefully you all had a wonderful Christmas break.

### Topic



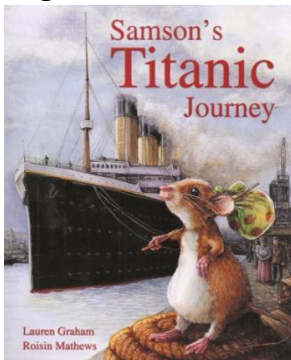
This term our topic is split into two parts. First half term our topic is 'The Unsinkable' where we will learn about the history of the Titanic and its tragic journey. All our wider curriculum and English work will be linked to it. We will be reading

'Samson's Titanic Journey' in English to fully immerse ourselves into our topic.

After February half term we will be moving on to our 'Frozen Kingdom' topic where we will be learning about the North and South Pole. This will link to our work in Science about living things and their habitats. In Geography, we will be looking at weather patterns and making comparisons for two different locations.



### English



Our English work this half term is story writing, focusing on developing the middle of our stories. We will also be looking at writing a newspaper report on the Titanic as if we lived in 1912.

Alongside our writing we will be continuing to work on our grammar, spelling and phonics in order to prepare for the end of Year 2 SATS. We will also continue our hard work on handwriting which will be supported by daily activities.

Daily reading will also be vital for the children to reach the expected standards at the end of the year. It is therefore crucial that all children have their reading books in their book bags every day. This will be supported by whole class guided reading sessions where we will be focusing on the different reading skills the children need to develop.



## Maths

We are continuing to use the Numicon approach where we link the concrete, pictorial and abstract to ensure children understand the concepts we are learning. We are moving onto multiplication and division and will be completing more reasoning activities to apply our knowledge. We will continue to look at SATS styled questions.

## Homework

Take Away Tasks will continue to be set every Friday and will be due in the following Thursday. It is also expected that children are reading daily and are completing TTRockstars (or Numbots) daily.



This term our PE is on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**. Please make sure that **your child comes to school dressed appropriately in PE kit on these days**. This includes wearing their house colour t-shirt, appropriate shorts/tracksuit, dependent on the weather and plimsolls or trainers. On

Tuesdays and Thursdays please ensure that all earrings are removed. Long hair should be tied back securely every day.

**Please ensure all uniform, PE kit, book bags, water bottles and lunch boxes are clearly name labelled.**

## How can you help?

- **Regular reading** at home where you can share stories, asking and answering questions about what you have read.
- Ensure they have their school **reading book in school every day** as the children will be expected to read it and those who are on Accelerated Reader can complete their quizzes.
- Encourage them to complete their homework tasks while letting them develop their independence.
- The children need to be at school promptly by 8:40am.

We are very lucky to be joined this term by Miss Spry, she is a student teacher from Chichester University and will be undertaking her teaching placement with us.

Any problems or questions please do not hesitate to come and see us.

Miss Yardley and Mrs Goodfellow