

# Class 2 Topic Newsletter

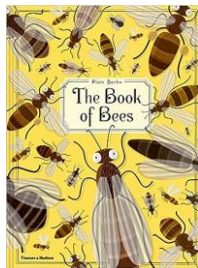
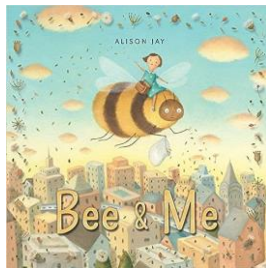
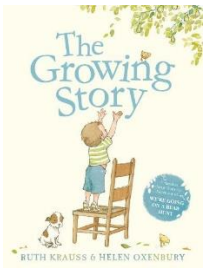
Dear Parents,

For the next 8 weeks the children in Class 2 will be covering the following topic. Below are the details of what this will involve in English, science, geography and history. Below are also details of the maths topics and suggestions for maths games which will support your child's learning.

## Why is a bee not like me?



We will be reading and completing writing activities based on the following books in English:



The spellings for this half term are as follows:

### Year 1:

is, be, he, me, she, we

### Year 2:

/or/ door, floor, poor, water

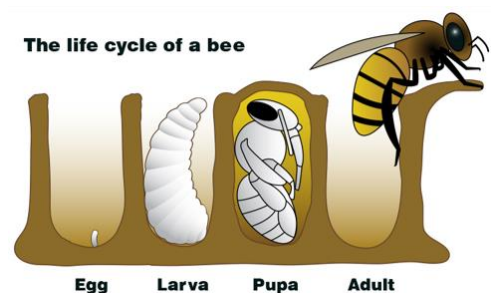
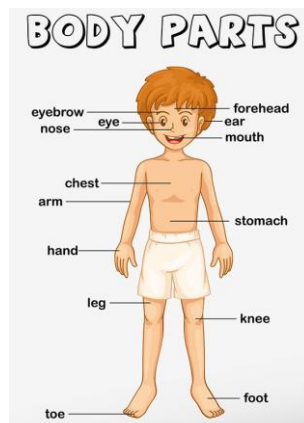
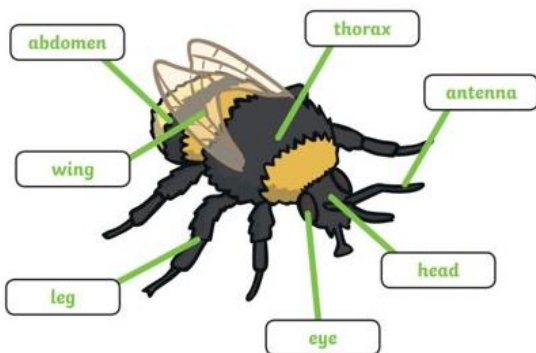
/o/ because

/oa/ most, only, both, old, cold, gold, hold, told

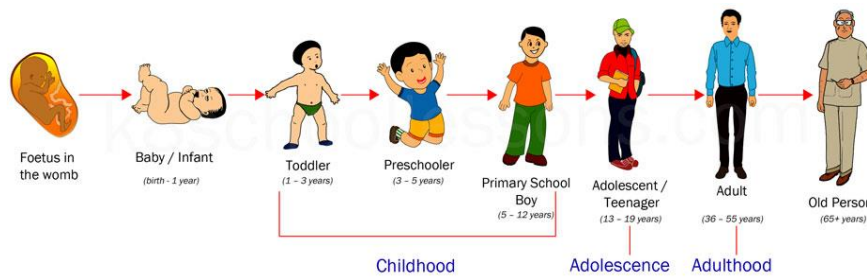
/ie/ find, kind, mind, behind, child, wild, climb, eye

In geography the children will be looking at different types of habitats, what makes a good habitat for a bee and what changes we can make to our environment to help bees and other insects.

In science the children will learn about the classification of animals, with a focus on invertebrates. They will compare the body parts of humans and those of bees. They will also learn about the lifecycle of a bee.



In history the children will explore how they have changed since they were born, to understand about changes in their own lifetime.



In maths, the children will be focusing on number and place value. For Year 1 this means exploring numbers to 20 and for Year 2 this means numbers to 100. This will involve counting, exploring different representations of numbers, partitioning numbers, and recognising numbers written as both numerals and words. They will then move on to addition and subtraction. This includes addition and subtraction within 20 for year 1 and within 100 for year 2. They will also be learning number bonds within and to 10 (year 1) and 20 (year 2).

I would recommend that the children use some of the following games to support their learning:

[Place Value Basketball - Dienes Game for 5 to 8 Year Olds \(topmarks.co.uk\)](https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Place-Value-Basketball-Dienes-Game-for-5-to-8-Year-Olds) - up to 20 for year 1 and up to 100 for year 2 – a very good game to support use and understanding of base 10 resources in school.

[Blast Off - Mental Maths for 5 to 8 Year Olds \(topmarks.co.uk\)](https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Blast-Off-Mental-Maths-for-5-to-8-Year-Olds) – good to support understanding of two-digit numbers.

[Caterpillar Ordering - An Ordering and Sequencing Game \(topmarks.co.uk\)](https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Caterpillar-Ordering-Game) – for ordering and sequencing numbers, you can vary the levels, starting with counting in 1s.

The bbc bitesize also have a very good maths game for KS1 (my daughter got addicted to this game during lockdown): [KS1 Maths free game - Karate Cats - Primary school times tables, division, shapes, fractions - BBC Bitesize](https://www.bbc.com/primary/maths/games/karate-cats)

During this half term Class 2 will have **forest school** on a **Monday afternoon**, please see the email from the office with the forest school kit list. **PE** will be on a **Tuesday**; the children will need to come to school in their PE kit on that day.

### **Homework expectations:**

- Regular reading at home, ideally daily but I understand that life doesn't always work out that easily! Please can the children bring their reading books to school every day. We could listen to the children read on any day during the week. Reading books will be changed on a Friday.
- Regular spellings practise – this may involve just writing out the words or using them in writing sentences – making up silly sentences, writing letters or cards to family or friends etc.
- Weekly maths practise
- In addition to the above, I may email you with an occasional homework task which is topic related.

If you have any questions please catch me on the door or send me an email: [class2@gba.learnat.uk](mailto:class2@gba.learnat.uk).

Many thanks

Miss Southam and Mrs Diver