

Mars Class Newsletter June 2026



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely Easter break.

We were very proud of all the children for their hard work last term and we are looking forward to lots of exciting learning ahead this term.



Term 6 Topic:

This term, we are continuing our key question "What if I went somewhere hot?" In our geography lessons, we will be learning about Kenya. We will look at where Kenya is located, identify physical and human features and the weather in Kenya. We will use the information to make comparisons between Yate and Kenya.

In English, we will be identifying features of instruction texts and write our own instructions about 'How to look after a meerkat.' For our fiction unit this term, we will be reading 'Grandad's Island' by Benji Davis to write a narrative.

In Maths, we are continuing to learn about measurement. We will be exploring how to measure capacity and volume. After this, we will move on to money, before consolidating everything we have learned throughout the year.

In Science, we will continue learning about 'Living things and their habitats' by exploring why animals are suited to their habitats and how they have adapted overtime. We will also spend a lesson identifying the differences between spring and summer.

Please find the links to our knowledge organiser and curriculum map below:

https://www.northroadprimaryschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Mars-Class-Knowledge-Organiser_What-if-I-went-somewhere-hot.pdf

<https://www.northroadprimaryschool.co.uk/curriculum>

On Tuesdays, we will take part in News Clues. This is a time for the children to share a piece of news or talk about something that they have done at home. We will be asking the children to think of three clues that they can give to the rest of the class to spark a discussion about what they are going to share. This term will be the Year 2s, please see the dates below.

Tuesday 9 th June	Ella, Laina, Noah
Tuesday 16 th June	Freddie, Alfie, Rosalie
Tuesday 23 rd June	Stella, Frankie G, Bella Rae
Tuesday 30 th June	Isabella, Ralph, Ronny
Tuesday 7 th July	Arabella, Frankie C, Vivian

Reading Books

Reading books and reading records should be brought to school **DAILY** in a book bag. A member of the class team will read with each child weekly, so it is really important to have a book/diary in school. Children need to place their book in the box at the front of the classroom when it needs to be changed. A reminder that **1 HOME READ and 1 SCHOOL READ** per day can go towards children's reading awards. This must be from a children's school reading book, any reading for pleasure your child does will not count towards their reading awards. We really appreciate your support with reading with the children at home. Please can you continue to ask children to retell you the story after they have read and use the questions on their bookmark to aid their comprehension.

Homework

In Mars class we expect all the children to be undertaking home learning at home each day. This comprises of daily reading and the use of the comprehension bookmarks to select a question to ask your child, these will be put in your child's reading diary this week. **PLEASE DO NOT LOSE THEM AS THEY WILL BE COLLECTED AT THE END OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR.** TT Rockstars (Y2) / Numbots (Y1) should also be used to practise maths daily. Children in Y1 can start practising on TT Rockstars from this term, if they have not already. The login is the same as their Numbots. Children will also be given a times table pick and mix sheet that will include a range of activities that they can complete. This will be sent home on **Thursdays**. Completing homework is monitored, children who complete their homework will be awarded a Dojo at the end of the week. A reminder that the child with the most Dojo points will receive a prize from the prize box on a Friday afternoon. Any extra homework completed can be sent via Class Dojo for us to celebrate in class.

Vocabulary

We will be learning and using new vocabulary throughout the term. Please support your child to use this language when talking about their learning at home.

English	Maths	Topic	Science
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Narrative	Measurement	Kenya	Habitat
Coordinating conjunction– (and, but, or, so)	Grams (g)	Continent	Micro-habitat
Subordinating conjunction– (when, if, that, because)	Kilograms (kg)	Physical feature	Environment
Exclamation Mark	Weight	Human feature	Living
Question Mark	Mass	Atlas	Dead
Instructions	Capacity	Compare	Non-living
Verbs	Volume	Weather	Food chain
	Litres (l)		Life Processes
	Millilitres (ml)		
	Money		
	Position		
	Direction		

PE

In Mars Class our PE days are Wednesdays and Fridays.

Along with practising for Sports Day, our PE units this term are Athletics and Rounders.

Please be aware that when our PE unit takes place in the Hall, for Health and Safety regulations, the children will be required to take part in bare feet.

On PE day please arrive on these days wearing the school PE uniform:

- School PE hoodies
- Black jogging bottoms
- Black trainers
- PE t-shirts
- Long hair should be tied back
- Earrings removed or tape to cover

Spelling

For your information, below is a list of spellings that every child in Year 1 and Year 2 should be able to spell correctly.

Year 1		
the	they	one
a	be	once
do	he	ask
to	me	friend
today	she	school
of	we	put
said	no	push
says	go	pull
are	so	full
were	by	house
was	my	our
is	here	
his	there	
has	where	
I	love	
you	come	
your	some	

Year 2			
door	gold	plant	clothes
floor	hold	path	busy
poor	told	bath	people
because	every	hour	water
find	great	move	again
kind	break	prove	half
mind	steak	improve	money
behind	pretty	sure	Mr
child	beautiful	sugar	Mrs
children	after	eye	parents
wild	fast	could	Christmas
climb	last	should	everybody
most	past	would	even
only	father	who	
both	class	whole	
old	grass	any	
cold	pass	many	

Celebration Assemblies

On Wednesdays, we will continue to celebrate children's personal achievements in art, science and technology. If your child has created something at home that reflects our school values—such as artwork, a craft project, or a Lego model—please send me a dojo message and your child can bring it in to share in assembly. Don't forget to send in any certificates / badges/ achievements awarded from outside of school so that we can share them in our Thursday Celebration assemblies.

Dates for your Diary

03/6 - Mars Class Poetry Recital Assembly - 2.45pm

18/6 - Class Photos (AM), Whole School Photo (PM)

19/6 - Inset Day - school closed

25/6 - Sports Day - 9.15am

29/6 - Mars Class trip to The Wild Place

1/7 - New Classes morning

2/7 - New Classes morning

10/7 - North Road Has Talent

21/7 - Last day of term

Kind Regards,

Miss Ali and the Mars Class Team.