

Year Two Newsletter

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to a new term here in Year 2. I hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed celebrating the New Year. We look forward to a great new year and term in Y2 but it will be a very busy one as we have lots of exciting things to complete. It will also be a very hard-working and important term for your child as they will be undergoing preparation for their upcoming SATs. I hope to see your child putting in their best efforts to enable them to succeed which I'm positive they will do. With your continued support at home and school, I am sure your child will achieve their full potential. May I take this opportunity to please remind you that full attendance at school is vitally important. This newsletter will entail some important information you and your child need to know for their second term in Year 2 by outlining some of the topics we will be working on and what work we will be completing.

English

During English this term the children will develop their writing skills of non-fiction texts. Firstly they will become Newshounds exploring a range of newspaper reports looking at their layout and structure. They will then write their own report thinking about writing in the past tense. Their second non-fiction unit requires the children to understand and explore the layout of an explanation text, in which they will then need to plan and write their own. In poetry the children will explore and unpick the familiar poem called 'The Sound Collector'. The children will also spend a week as word detectives where they investigate new and different spelling rules mainly related to suffixes but they will also begin to look at homophones and near homophones.

Maths

This term the children have started work on Power Maths which will give them a new insight into learning the aspects of Maths. In terms of addition and subtraction they will begin to borrow and exchange working with numbers that bridge the ten. For multiplication and division they will practise their 2, 5 and 10 times tables and relate these to inverse problems. A lot of time will be spent relating the four operations to mathematical problems in order to develop the children's reasoning skills. Later on in the term the children will work with money and explore different ways of making the same amount. They will then apply this to worded problems that look at finding change. Children will have the chance to look more in depth at measures such as cm and m and

R.E

In RE this term we will be looking at the traditions and beliefs of the Jewish and Sikhism religion. We will look at their religion and discuss their culture and also think about their special place of worship. Christian celebrations and festivals will also be covered including Epiphany, Lent and Easter.



P.E

We will be having P.E twice a week, on a Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon. Please make sure that you child's complete P.E Kit is in school at all times and these are clearly labelled with your child's name. This term the children will be taking part in gymnastics activities and performing sequences.

Topic

The children's topic this term is called Beachcombers, which has many links to Science as the children will explore coastal areas and environments. The children will discover rock pools and take a look into the weird and wonderful animals that live in the coastal habitats and micro-habitats. They will also consider the needs of the sea creatures and how they survive in the harsh environments. Children will have the opportunity to make 3D models as well as creating different sand art. While looking at the different habitats they will make links to Geography by naming the geographical human and physical features. The topic will cover a range of different curriculum areas including, Science, Geography, Art, Design and Technology and Computing. I have no doubt the children will really enjoy this topic as they have the chance to be expressive and very creative.

Homework

It is important the children are reading at home at least three times a week, with a comment written and signature in their reading record to keep it updated. The reading records will be checked on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Learning Log Tasks will be given out every Friday to be returned on the following Thursday, 100% effort is required and it will be linked to the topics covered in school. Children will be expected to complete their Learning log task as well as spellings to learn for a test on a Friday. We would appreciate it if you could please help your child to practice their spellings and times tables, which will be tested regularly. The children are also encouraged to practice their time tables using the new Times Tables Rock Stars programme.

May I take this opportunity to remind you that children should come to school every day in full school uniform and any form of jewellery is not allowed, if ears are pierced then only small studs should be worn. If you have any problems or concerns and wish to speak to me, I am available at the beginning and the end of the school day. I will not, however, be available after school on a Monday as it is our staff meeting. You are also welcome to make an appointment at the office to see me for more significant issues.

Class teacher: Mrs Collins LSP: Miss Hassall