

Dear Y2 Parents and Carers,

Welcome! Wow halfway through the school year already time really does fly when you're having fun!!! This term our overarching theme will be '**Inspirational People**'. In particular, we will be focussing on the story '**The Girl and the Dinosaur**' and **Mary Anning**.

PE

As you are aware we have an active curriculum approach which has led to the children wearing an active uniform. Each day we will be completing active learning including the golden mile, skipping and yoga (one per term). This will be alongside our discreet PE lessons. Please note that as part of the school's PE Policy, hooped earrings and other jewellery must not be worn, and long hair must be tied back.

PE this term will be Kwik Cricket.

Jewellery/ Friendship Bands

We have seen an increased number of children bringing various bracelets and jewellery to school. Please can you stop your children from doing this.

Water bottles.

Please can you ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school. These should be named and be filled with fresh water daily (no juice or squash).

The children are allowed to access these during the school day whenever they wish the only time we ask them to wait is during our lesson input times.

An extra drink can also be provided for lunchtime should you wish.

Reading

Hopefully you will have noticed that your child/ren have made amazing progress in their reading this year and we are all extremely proud of their abilities. It is still crucial that you hear your children read at least 4 times a week and share books with them. When you do this, please record it in their reading records this leads to certificates and prizes!!!!

Spellings

Over the last term we have been trialling sending spellings home for the children to practise. We will continue to do this for the rest of the school year. Although we don't formally test the children weekly we have seen an impact through their writing in school. Please continue to support your child with this.

Dates for your diary:

- Monday 19th February TD day no school.
- Tuesday 20th February back to school
- Thursday 7th March World Book Day
- Wednesday 20th March 'Dinomania' workshop.
- Thursday 28th March TD day no school
- Friday 29th March Easter Holidays.

Please keep an eye on the school website for updates and dates.

Finally, please remember that if you have any questions, feel free to contact us by sending an email to the school office or speaking to the class teachers.

Thank you for your continued support.
Mrs Rudman, Mrs Field, Mrs Moran and Miss Mandewo

English- Retell of a story and letter writing.

Text- The Girl and the Dinosaur

- Write in full sentences using the correct punctuation.
- Use adjectives, noun phrases and expanded noun phrases to describe.
- Use past and present tense accurately.
- Use subordinating and coordinating conjunctions to join sentences.
- Use contractions.

Computing

Children will be taught to:

- Use a digital device to take a photo.
- Make choices when taking a photo.
- Describe what a good photo looks like.
- Understand and use tools to change an image.

RE- Christianity

Children will be taught to:

- Know what Easter is and the story of Easter.
- To know how important it was to Christians that Jesus came back to life.
- To know that it is ok to believe different things.

Art

Children will be taught to:

- Respond verbally and visually to expressive painting.
- Use colour mixing and mark making to paint expressively.
- Identify different brush marks.
- Create a still life painting.

PE

Children will be taught to:

- Roll and stop a ball.
- Throw under arm and over arm and catch a ball.
- Hit a ball.
- Take part in a batting and fielding game.

Music

Children will be taught to:

- Listen and appraise.
- Play a rhythm on an instrument.
- To play c and d on a glockenspiel.
- Perform a song using voice and instruments.

History

Children will be taught to:

- Understand why we remember Mary Anning.
- Discuss why Mary Anning was special.
- Know what helped Mary Anning succeed.
- Understand how Mary Anning's actions have affected our lives.

Science

Children will be taught to:

- Find out how animals change as they grow into adults.
- Understand healthy and unhealthy foods.
- Understand personal hygiene.
- Understand exercise and the effects on our bodies.

PSHE

Children will be taught to:

- Know what they need to keep their bodies healthy.
- Understand how medicines work in our bodies and how they are used safely.
- Sort foods into food groups.
- Create a healthy snack.

Maths

Children will be taught to:

- Recognise thirds, quarters and three quarters.
- Tell the time using quarter past and quarter to the hour.
- Tell the time in five-minute intervals.
Understand there are 60 minutes in an hour and 24 hours in a day.