

#### **Welcome to Summer Term in Year 2!**

Well done to everyone so far, as our children have settled back in beautifully and our classrooms have been busy and cheerful after our move.

#### The Year 2 Team

Our Year 2 team is:

2H: Miss McDonald

2W: Mrs Leck

We also have 3 Teaching Assistants who will be supporting the year group: Miss Best, Miss Mitchell and Mrs Cummings-

Steele.

This term in our focus is Geography. We will be moving to learning about the contrasting continent of Australia, where we will look at the different physical features: rainforest to desert, think about where most of the towns and cities are and touch on aboriginal culture and art.

In Art we will be looking at drawing and printing and will be linking this specifically to Aboriginal art and their techniques and colour subject choices linked to the natural world.

In the second half of the term, our DT topic looks at salads. The children will have opportunity to look at different types of salad and make their own. We hope to grow some of our ingredients in science.



In Science we are rounding up our learning about living things and their habitats and will be moving on to further developing our understanding of plants. We will be looking at what plants need to grow healthily and the different ways in which plants reproduce: seeds, bulbs, runners etc. We also hope to grow some of our own plants to eat in our salads in DT.

Our focus in computing is learning to sort criteria using branching databases, moving on to basic animation in the second half of term.

In RE we are learning how important Allah and the Prophet Muhammad are to Muslims.

In PHSE we are learning about being my best which it linked to keeping ourselves clean, happy and healthy. Then we learn about growing and changing which links to moving up in school but also how they have grown, their body and respecting privacy. This then links to keeping safe and talking to trusted adults.

Your child also has a weekly a Music lesson, developing singing skills and playing glockenspiels.

We have forest school in the first half term so only have one PE session this half term. We will be beginning to improve our athletics.

In English, we will be continuing developing our reading skills with many children now accessing guiding reading to help children develop their comprehension skills. Please keep helping us, by reading at home and talking about the book with your child. In our writing, we are currently starting a unit on a non-chronological report and linking it to the science unit on habitats we have just completed.

Finally in Mathematics / Numeracy. We will start the half term by looking at fractions, linking back to the multiplication and division unit we have just completed.

We begin by recalling halves and quarters, but then looking at 3/4 and 1/3. We also look at fractions of amounts.

Then we begin the challenge of telling the time (analogue) to the quarter hour initially, aiming to tell time to five minutes! Towards the end of the year we look at statistics and interpreting graphs before ending the year learning about position and direction.

Please keep up with Rockstars as it helps in fractions, labelling graphs and counting in 5s to tell the time.

**PE DAYS:** PE for both classes this half term is Monday afternoon.

# **Uniform and PE Kit**

We are incredibly proud of how smart our Year 2's look, in line with the school's uniform policy. The expectations for PE kit can also be found here. For health and safety reasons, we request that long hair is to be tied back in PE lessons and earrings should be removed. If they cannot be removed, then they should be covered with micropore tape or a plaster. ALL clothing MUST be clearly labelled with your child's name.

A standard PE kit should contain;

- White t-shirt
- Dark shorts/ jogging bottoms
- trainers
- All hair should be tied back and earrings will be covered if not removed. Children should not wear hooped earrings.

## **Homework**

Your support with home learning is vitally important this year in order to extend and consolidate the work that we do in class and building on from last term. This will help to ensure that your children achieve as well as they possibly can. Homework in Year 2 is set on Seesaw each Tuesday.

# Daily Reading - for all

## KS1 - Maths

Rockstars- 10 minutes daily is recommended. A timer could be used to avoid over lengthy amounts of screen time spent on these apps. Logins are in the front of reading records.

<u>Words to Read and Spell:</u> 6- 10 words from the common exception words and the spelling rule for that week.

Please be reminded that the classroom doors open at 8.45am, ready for a prompt and positive start to the school day. Gates are closed at 9.05am.

<u>Happy News!</u> We have a visit to Lowther Castle planned for the 19<sup>th</sup> June. More details to follow.

#### We are an outstandingly happy school!

Please keep an eye out for our happy 'Praise Postcards' and Star of the Week certificates and cross your fingers you may receive surprise news about Golden Work in the post.

We will also share any exciting Year 2 news/pictures on our school Facebook page.

We look forward to an exciting term ahead with you all, and if there are any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.