

## Monkton CEP School

### **Class 2 - Dragonfly Class Newsletter**

*'Every child is special'*



Welcome to Term 2. This week we have been starting our new topic of Memory Box and the children have enjoyed sharing their memories that they wrote about during half term. These are now on display as a showcase for the start of our topic.

#### **Our Creative Curriculum - Memory Box**

This half term, we're taking a trip to the past to discover what life was like at the time when we were born. We'll find out how babies change and grow over time. Thinking about our childhoods, we'll use photos and objects from the past to help us remember special times including weddings and christenings. We'll talk about our families and share happy memories of people or pets who are no longer alive. Learning about the days, weeks and months of the year will help us to work out how long we will have to wait for our birthdays to arrive! We'll decide how objects from the past were used and have fun learning games, songs and dances from bygone days.

#### **English**

##### **Linked to Memory Box:**

Recounts

Diary writing

Rhymes and mnemonics

Descriptions

Information books

##### **Letters and sounds:**

Continue to follow phase 3 of the letters and sounds scheme as well as introducing key spellings patterns such as homophones, polysyllabic words, common exception words and alternative spelling of the same sound.

#### **Mathematics**

##### **Addition and subtraction**

Number bonds

Using place value to add and subtract

Column addition and subtraction

##### **Money**

Recognition and adding/subtracting

##### **Multiplication and division**

Counting in multiples 2,3,4,5,10

##### **Shape**

2d and 3d shapes and their properties

#### **Science**

##### **Linked to Memory Box:**

Animals including humans with a focus on development, health, hygiene and diet.

#### **Computing**

We are photographers - taking and editing photographs on a range of media to make and record memories in a class book.

## RE

### **Incarnation - Why does Christmas matter to Christians?**

The Christmas Story. This includes looking at what we can learn from this story and the key role each character plays.

## PE

The children will be working with our sports coaches and Miss Jenks. They will be looking at Fitness Circuit - Challenge against yourself & others

**PE Day is a Thursday.**

### Foundation subjects

#### Memory Box

**Design Technology** - designing healthy picnic food and making celebration cards and memory box

**Geography** - looking at and making maps of the local area

**History** - recalling memories from their own past, looking at past toys, transport, books and photographs

**Art** - drawing from memory and portraits, murals/collage

**Music** - Songs that help is learn

**PSHE** - Don't forget to let love in - HeartSmart Scheme

### Vocabulary

Below are some words that the children will come across during their learning:

#### Maths

Column

Addition

Subtraction

Money

Change

Multiply

Divide

#### English

Recount

Personal

Non-chronological

Reports

Fiction/Non-fiction

Mnemonics

Rhyme

#### Memory box

Artefact

Christening

Generation

Memory

Museum

Relative

Toddler

### Dates for the diary

**5.11.19 - Class parent session 2.15pm.** Join us to make memories with a teddy bears picnic and play session. Please just bring yourselves and a teddy.

**8/15/22.11.19 - Forest School sessions** (in School hours) - please ensure appropriate footwear and layers provided

**14.11.19 and 21.11.19 - All About Boys Parents course** - more info to follow.

**21.11.19 - Into Film Festival trip** (in School hours)

**6.12.19 - Christmas Bazaar** (in School hours) children may bring money to spend

**11.12.19 - Whole School Christmas dinner**

**18.12.19 - Christmas Panto and party**