

Year 2 Class Newsletter



Summer 2023



Welcome back to school!

I hope that you had a lovely, restful Easter. The children have settled back into their routines very well and we are all looking forward to an exciting, final term in Year 2!

English

This term the children will be consolidating their work from the Spring Term. We will be working on using a wider variety of punctuation correctly and we will continue to have daily phonics lessons. Handwriting will be a focus and we hope to have most children confidently joining by the end of this term and maybe even earning their pen licence! Please continue to read and practise spellings with your child daily. These few minutes each day have a huge impact on your child's progress. The children will be writing fantasy stories, recounts, instructions, non chronological reports and poetry.



Reading

Please note that we will change books once weekly. Your child will now receive 2 new reading books each week and a free choice reading book to promote a love of reading.

Maths

In Maths this term we will be focusing on fractions, measuring mass, capacity, and temperature as well as positional language and time. We will consolidate work learnt during our weekly arithmetic test and the children will practise applying these skills to reasoning and problem solving situations.

Science

This half term our topic is Plants. We will focus on what seeds need to grow and how bulbs grow. We will discuss what plants need to grow and we will compare bulbs and seeds. The children will learn what season is the best for plants to grow and also the importance of temperature.

Geography

In Geography our topic is 'Brazil'. The children will learn that Brazil is a country located in South America. They will learn the capital city and compare the weather in Brazil to the weather in the UK. The children will compare animals that are native to Brazil to animals in the UK. They will also compare schools in Brazil to schools in the UK.

RE

Our first RE topic is 'Pentecost'. Children will be able to talk about their own experience and feelings of both passing and receiving messages. They will be able to recognise how the Holy Spirit helps Christians in their lives. Some children will be able to retell the story of the Resurrection of Jesus and the coming of the Holy Spirit. They will be able to describe ways in which Christians spread the word of the Good News of Jesus in their lives.

Art

The children will look at some images of Queen Elizabeth the I, Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth II. They will then create some observational drawings, using different media. The children will look at portraits of the queen from the National Art Gallery. They will also link this with the King's coronation and include some drawings and paintings of the new King, Charles III.

Computing

During this term children will learn about using a search engine effectively. They will create pictures, make music and also present ideas. The children will continue to practise logging onto the computers independently using their login and password details.

RSHE

This term in RSHE the children will explore how we are created to live in a community. Here we explore how human beings are relational by nature and are called to love others in the wider community through service, through dialogue and through working for the Common Good. We will hear the stories such as The Good Samaritan. They will also be introduced to the Trinity, the eternal existence of God in three persons (The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit) Finally, we will discuss our rights and responsibilities within local and global communities.

PE

Our first PE topic for this half term is athletics. The children will learn to run and jump over hurdles. After the half term the children will be practising for Sports Day. This will include skipping, jumping, running and competing in relay races.

Design Technology

During this topic children will revisit their learning about explorers. We will look at Captain James Cook and how he discovered new land. The children will consider food and nutrition and design their own food item.

Music

This half term we will be learning new songs, adding musical instruments and performing with them. The children will cover the unit 'Music that makes us dance' and 'How does music make us happy?'

History

Our History unit for this term will be Explorers. During this unit the children learn what an explorer is. They will learn about Christopher Columbus, Captain James Cook, Marco Polo and Neil Armstrong. The children will look at all the wonderful places that these famous explorers discovered.

In addition, and to celebrate the King's Coronation, the children will cover a series of four lessons. The children will learn about the monarchy and the royal family. They will learn all about the role of a monarch and what will happen during the Coronation.

Reminders

P.E. Kit: Please send your child to school in full PE kit each FRIDAY. This should consist of plimsolls, a white t-shirt and navy shorts. In colder weather they are welcome to wear a plain navy tracksuit and trainers. Please note leggings are not part of our PE kit.

Homework: Your child should practise their spellings, times tables and read daily. The spellings and times tables will be in their yellow books. Please bring these to school everyday. I will also look at the reading books daily

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the school office to arrange a phone call.

Thank you for your support. Mrs Wilson and Mrs Murgatroyd