

# Year 2 Class Newsletter

## Autumn 2022

Welcome back to school!

I hope that you had a wonderful Summer. The children have settled into their new routines very well and we are all looking forward to an exciting year in Year 2!

### English

This term the children will be consolidating their work from Year 1. We will be learning to correctly use simple punctuation, and we will continue to have daily phonics lessons. Handwriting will also be a focus and we will be introducing the children to joining as soon as they are printing neatly and consistently. The genres and texts that we will be focussing on are 'A Squash and a Squeeze', 'The Owl and the Pussycat' and stories by Jill Murphy. After half term we will learn how to write an explanation text and a letter.



### Reading

Please note that we will change books once weekly. Your child will now receive 2 new reading books each Wednesday and a free choice reading book to promote a love of reading. They will keep these until the following Wednesday. Please encourage your child to talk about the text and ask them questions about it to see if they understand what they are reading. This is very important.

### Maths

In Maths this term we will be focusing on number and place value. We will begin by working with the dienes (Base 10 equipment) and using these to recognise the value of each digit in a 2 digit number. We will then move on to ordering and comparing 2 digit numbers. Children will continue with the two, five and ten times table and we will introduce the three times table too. After the half term, the children will focus on addition and subtraction and then basic shapes. Within this learning, the children will explore 2D and 3D shapes.

### Science

This term our learning is around 'Animals Including Humans'. We will focus on human development first, in particular how we can stay healthy. The children will learn how to build a balanced diet and will design our own healthy lunches. Then we will begin our learning around 'Living Things and Their Habitats'. Here we will explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive.

## Geography

In Geography we will be learning about the 'Weather'. The children will learn about the different seasons and weather types. They will learn which countries are warm/hot and which countries are cold. During this unit the children will learn about animals that live in rainforests and about deforestation. We will then discuss how some weather conditions can be dangerous.

## Art

Our Art unit for this half term will have a 'weather' theme. The children will learn to use different size paintbrushes and to mix secondary colours, exploring how colour can portray mood.

The children will then paint from observations. They will also learn about printing and create a printing pattern of their.

## RSHE

This term in RSHE the children will learn about the bible story, 'Let the Children Come'. They will then discuss why they themselves are unique and all about how to keep clean and healthy.

## RE

Our first area of learning is about 'Beginnings' and links to the Story of Creation. We will explore how God created the world and we will also link this learning to the beginnings we experience every day. We will then study Judaism for a week. Here the children learn to respect the fact that we live in a diverse world, where people have different beliefs and cultures, yet we are all equal. After the half term, the children will focus on Advent and Christmas and gain a deeper understanding of the Nativity.

## Computing

This term they will revisit their learning around online safety. They will learn how to search and share information safely and what a digital footprint is. During our coding unit the children will learn about algorithms and then plan an algorithm that includes a collision detection. They will understand that algorithms follow a sequence and learn what debugging means. Children will then move on to learn about using spreadsheets.

## PE

PE this half term is athletics. Children will be exploring their running style and technique, including hurdles. They will also practise jumping and throwing.

After the half term the children will be learning about different dance styles and how to create a routines to different music styles.

## History

Our history focus for this term will be The Gunpowder Plot. During this unit the children will revisit previous learning and discuss what they already know about Bonfire night. They will then learn about what life was like in 1605 and about the Gunpowder Plot. We will discuss who Thomas Percy was and how he was involved. The children will then learn how the Gunpowder Plot is remembered today.

## Music

In Music the big question will be 'How does music help us to make friends?' During this unit the children will follow a structure of listening to music, singing, playing musical instruments, improvising and composing. The children will then finally move onto performing.

## Design Technology

The DT unit for this half term will have a 'Brazilian' theme. During this topic children will focus on resistant materials and creating a structure of Christ the Redeemer. This will support the children's pre-learning, as in the Summer term the children will learn all about Brazil in Geography. During the DT lessons, the children will follow basic procedures for safety. Children will also cut materials safely using scissors, tear, fold and curl materials and join using glue and taping. They will also be able to select materials and tools based on their properties and create a product based on a design. Finally the children will build structures, exploring how they can be made stronger, stiffer and more stable.

## Reminders

**Water Bottles:** We have water bottles in class for all the children. These will be washed daily and have the children's name on. There is no need to send one in to school.

**P.E. Kit:** Please send your child to school in full PE kit each Wednesday only. 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 too. In addition the children have a homework menu to chose four activities from. These four activities need to be completed by the end of the half term.

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