

Year 2 Class Newsletter



Spring 2023



I hope that you had a lovely, restful Christmas and New Year. The children have settled back into their routines very well and we are all looking forward to an exciting term ahead.

English

This term the children will be consolidating their work from the Autumn Term. We will work 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 joining by the end of this term. 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. Children will be listening to stories written by Julia Donaldson and learning about Traditional Tales. We will look closely at the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. Children will also write a Non-Chronological Report.



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. They will keep these until the following week.

Maths

In Maths this term we will be focusing on multiplication & division and fractions. We will consolidate work learned during our weekly arithmetic test and the children will practise applying these skills to reasoning and problem solving situations. We will also cover money and length/height.

Science

During this term, children will be learning about materials. They will learn about what material is best for a purpose and identify and compare the suitability of materials for a purpose. They will learn about different types of materials and how they can be twisted, bent, stretched etc. After half term, children will be learning about Electricity. They will learn about the dangers and risks of electricity and how they can stay safe. They will create a simple circuit investigation and end the unit with a quiz.

Geography

In Geography we are studying, 'Planet Earth'. Within this unit, children will learn about the continents and what physical and human geography is. They will look at all five oceans and if they are connected. Children will then consider if oceans are important. Finally, they will learn how many countries make up the United Kingdom?

RE

Our first RE topic is called 'Books' and during this topic children will learn about the books of the Bible as well as the gospel writers. After half term, we will learn about 'Lent' in preparation for Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday. This is a very special time for us in school.

Art

Our Art unit for this half term will be an artist study. We are going to look at the artist Picasso. During the next six weeks, the children will be studying some of his famous artwork and comparing his art to another artist, Makenzie Thorpe. The children will create some of their own artwork, inspired by Picasso. They will learn to create a collage and how to sketch.

Computing

During this term children will learn about 'making music'. Within this unit, children will be introduced to making music digitally using 2Sequence and they will explore, edit and combine sounds using this software. Children will add sounds to a tune to improve it and think about how music can be used to express feelings and create tunes which depict feelings.

RSHE

This term in RSHE the children will learn about the bible story 'The Prodigal Son'. The children will discuss how it is ok to make mistakes, but that it is important that we learn from them. They will also learn that God loves us and will always give us a second chance. We will discuss the importance of family and who is in our 'special squad'.

PE

Our first PE topic for this half term is gymnastics. Children will plan a sequence of movements, ensuring their movements are controlled. They will be able to show contrasts such as small/tall, straight/ curved and wide/narrow. The children will also learn to balance on different points of their body. They will be able to talk about the differences between their own and others' performances. After the half term the children will be completing multi skills. Within this unit, children will be playing games and developing their agility and developing their Co-ordination.

History

Our history focus for this term will be 'Queens'. During this unit, the children will compare Queen Elizabeth I, to Queen Elizabeth II. They will also learn about Queen Victoria. The children will learn important facts about each queen such as how long she was on the throne, how many children she had and what she is remembered for today.

Design Technology

The DT unit for this half term will have a 'Traditional Tales' theme. During this topic children will focus on working with textiles. They will design a hand puppet linked to a traditional tale. Goldilocks, The Three Bears and The Big Bad Wolf for example. The children will learn to cut textiles using scissors and join textiles using glue. They will learn to decorate textiles using crayons or sticking. The children will then evaluate their final product.

Music

In Music the big question will be 'How does music teach us about the past?' 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 on to performing.

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.

P.E. Kit: Please send your child to school in full PE kit each FRIDAY 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