

### History and Geography

We will complete our **Planet Earth** topic, focussing on our local area and the UK. We will develop our map and atlas skills. We will then study the local explorer **Captain Cook** and look at his life and achievements.

### ICT

We will use chrome books and iPads to present information in different ways such as graphs and charts. We will then move on to effective searching skills.

### PE (Mondays and Fridays)

**Gymnastics** - Using a range of apparatus. We will think about showing good control of our movements. Jumping and travelling in different ways.

**Tag Rugby** - Working as a team and practising invasion game skills.

### Music

Our topics are - **In the Groove** and **Zoo Time**. We will be listening and appraising different musical styles. We will learn some songs to perform with confidence.

**SCIENCE:** We will begin with a biology focus with **Animals Including Humans**. We will learn that animals and humans have offspring which grows into adults. We will learn about the basic needs of animals and humans for survival. We will talk about the importance of exercise, a healthy diet and good hygiene.

### RE

Our three topics we will explore this term are: **Books, Thanksgiving, Opportunities and Pentecost**. Pupils will consider how Christian belief impacts on actions and children will read different scripture to support each topic. Children will have opportunities to share their own opinions and experiences and to ask and answer questions about Christian beliefs.

### PSHE

**Created to Love Others** helps us to think about friendships and how we relate to other people. We will talk about our thoughts and feelings. We will think about how we start life as a baby and how we change as we grow older.

### Welcome back!

I am excited to see everyone again. I hope you have all had a lovely festive break and spent time with family and friends.

Mrs Ruggeri



### Maths

Using the *White Rose Maths* Scheme this term we will begin with some revision of 2D and 3D shapes. We will study Money and Multiplication and Division. We will continue to use a range of resources to support learning. We will practise counting patterns, such as counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

### English

**Stories with familiar settings** - This will develop our writing skills and stamina to write stories with familiar settings.

**Recount**- A chronological report of an experience we have already had, such as a special day or holiday.

**Poetry** - looking at the features of a poem. We will use our senses and adventurous vocabulary to be able to write poems in a range of styles.

**Letters, postcards and invitations** - We will be looking at the features of these texts and thinking about how they can be used to report, recount or persuade.

We continue to work on our presentation skills and letter formation daily We have a big focus on checking our own work for errors or possible improvements.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please take the time to read your child's newsletter as it contains lots of useful information about the forthcoming weeks.

**Attendance** - We are continuing improve our attendance and would appreciate your support in this. Please contact school if you have any queries or require any support regarding attendance or punctuality.

**Dates for diaries** - Please refer to the Spring term dates for all the upcoming events.

**Homework** - The children will be given spellings and reading at home as homework each week to consolidate/reinforce what they have been working on in class. Please contact me, at any time, if you have any concerns with the homework. Please ensure your child reads 3 times a week and this is recorded in their reading journal. Please record the pages that have been read each time, as this helps adults in school to know where the children are up to in the book when it is their turn to read.

**Uniform** - A reminder that earrings and other jewellery should not be worn at any time for health and safety reasons. Nail varnish and stick on tattoos are also prohibited. Long hair should be fully tied back.

**PE** - Please ensure a full PE kit is provided. All items should be non-branded and names must be in every garment to prevent loss. PE for Year 2 is on Monday and Friday each week. Children should come to school in their PE kit on these days.

A member of staff will be present on the school yard each morning to discuss any issues and pass on messages to other staff members. Please do not hesitate to contact me, if you have any further questions or concerns.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Ruggeri

Y2 teacher