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Year 2 – Newsletter

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**RE**

Our first topic is ‘The Bible’ and looking at why it is special and the stories we enjoy reading or listening to in the Bible. We will practice using the Bible and finding things in it. Hopefully at the end of this unit we will know the importance of the Bible to Christians and will have a developing knowledge of which stories can be found in which Testament of the Bible. We will also be looking at Sikhism and their special book called the ‘Guru Granth Sahib’. We will then move onto Christmas and people bringing good news. We will look at specific stories in the Bible that bring good news, in particular the role of the angels.

**English**

We will be using the story ‘Wild’ and ‘Man on the Moon’ this term. The emphasis will be on the children writing in clear sentences using capital letters and full stops. Writing will include sequencing story events, personal experiences and short stories. The children will be shown how to use time related words and conjunctions, and will be expected to use these when planning and writing. Children will also be looking at the structure of simple poems and instructions. Handwriting will be practiced daily and remains to be an important part of the literacy lesson.

**Maths.**

This term we will be focusing on reading, writing and counting numbers up to 100 and beyond. We will also be looking at place value for 2 digit numbers and then ordering and describing numbers. Each week there will be elements of problem solving and reasoning integrated into what we are doing. We will look at a range of 2D and 3D shapes and explore pattern using these. Towards the end of term we will be working on sorting information and using units like cm, kg and ml for measuring things. Focus will then move to looking at multiplication and fractions.

**ICT**

Children will complete the unit ‘Painting Pictures’ to help enable them to develop their painting skills on the computer. We will also have a look at spreadsheets and link these to our class charity. The internet will be used for research in our topic work and children will be reminded on how to stay safe while browsing.

**Phonics/Spellings**

Children will recap and revise elements of the phonics programme covered in the previous year so assessments can be made. Red Rose Spellings will then be used for the rest of the year. Children will be expected to use these in their independent reading. Weekly spellings will be uploaded onto the class webpage so you can work on them at home.

**PE**

The children will take part in PE on a Tuesday and Friday and our first element is dance. The children will need to come to school in fullPE kits on these days. After half term the children will then complete a series of dance performances in small and larger groups. These dances will include cheer leading and Hip Hop.

**Ideas to help your child at home**

Please continue to check our school website for up to date events, dates and newsletters.

Blue reading bags need to be brought in on Tuesdays and Thursdays so books can be changed. Please listen to your child read for at least 20minutes each day and add any comments you have in the reading records.

The Year 2 class webpage has lots of ideas and activities to further support your child at home and photos of all the fun, learning and adventures we get up to!

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that earrings are not allowed during school time and any hair bobbles or head bands must fit with our school colours and not be too large or fancy.

If you can help with any aspect of our exciting curriculum then please let me know!

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher – Mrs Johnston!

**Adventurous Afternoons**

Our topic the first half term is based around our text ‘Wild’.

In this topic we will be looking at what the wild means and the different habitats that can be found in the wild. We will be learning what things are living and not living in the wild and exploring simple food chains. We are going to stitch a small pouch to collect conkers in as these used to once be alive but are dead once they fall from the tree. Leading up to Remembrance Sunday we will be looking at WW2 and significant people who played a brave role in this.

After half term our learning will be based on the text ‘Man on the Moon’.

In this topic we will be looking at the significance of Neil Armstrong and his adventures. We will also look at structures and how to strengthen them and link this to making a chair for a space ship!

Our class charity is ‘Down Syndrome Association’ and we will hopefully be planning and leading lots of fundraising events to help this charity. If you have any links, ideas or want to get involved with this please let me know.