



Year 2 Newsletter
Spring Term 2017

HAPPY★NEW★YEAR

Welcome Back!

I hope that you have had a wonderful Christmas. It has been lovely sharing the children's stories and excitement of their Christmas holidays this week.

Thank you for your support last term and joining us for our Christmas production. Your children are superstars!

Staffing

We are very lucky that Mrs Penson, Miss Pattison, Mrs Dhar, Mrs Osman and Miss Chojnowska will continue to support the children in the classroom.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 4th January- Children return to school

Thursday 19th January - Year 2 Road Safety Talk

Thursday 2nd February- Theatre Company- Sleeping Beauty

Friday 10th February- Children break up for Half Term

Monday 20th February- Children return to school

Thursday 2nd March- World Book Day

Tuesday 21st March & Thursday 23rd March- Parents Evening

Thursday 23rd March- Class Photographs

Friday 31st March- End of Term



What are we doing this term?



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English

As readers and writers we will be exploring different types of texts including poetry, instruction writing, explanation texts and a focus on stories written by Julia Donaldson. We will be continuing to build on our knowledge of grammar and punctuation. Reading will continue to be a focus in Year 2 with a particular emphasis on fluency and comprehension. Please continue to read with your child every night and discuss their understanding of the text.

Maths

As Mathematicians we will be reinforcing strategies used for the four different calculations of adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing. We shall continue to practise our number facts and times tables. We shall be looking at time and measure. All of these skills will be developed through open ended and problem solving activities which will enable the children to draw upon their ever increasing knowledge.

Science

As Scientists our topic is Uses of Everyday Materials. We will be investigating the properties of materials and thinking about why different materials are suitable for a variety of reasons. We will be looking at some of the ways in which materials can be changed and also finding out about famous inventors. We will be working scientifically to gather data, record and discuss our findings.



Computing

In Computing this term the children will be introduced to coding. We will be exploring what a code is and how codes are used to program objects in order to make them do something. We will also continue learning about e-safety and the importance of communicating online safely and respectfully.

Geography

As Geographers our topic is 'An Island Home'. We will be using the 'Katie Morag' stories to develop the children's understanding of geographical features on an imaginary Scottish island.

History

As Historians our topic is 'The Great Fire of London'. Children will have opportunities to make comparisons between London in 1666 and 2016 and to explore the fire from the perspective of Samuel Pepys.

Art/D.T

As Artists and designers we will learn about where food comes from. The children will increase their knowledge of healthy eating, cooking and farming. We will also be evaluating and comparing work from different artists and using this to inspire our own creations!

P.E

As Athletes we shall continue to develop ball skills during our outdoor PE lessons. Indoor PE sessions will continue to develop the children's gymnastic abilities. We have our PE lessons on a Monday and Friday. Could you please ensure PE kit is in school from everyday and that all items are clearly labelled.

Music

As Musicians we will be exploring pitch. The children will learn what is meant by pitch. They will be exploring how we can make sounds higher or lower and relating sounds to symbols.

R.E

As good citizens our focus will be on multi-cultural stories. We will be finding out about the beliefs of different religions and the key ideas and values. We will discuss why Easter is an important time for Christians.

P.S.C.H.E

AS members of our community we will be considering dreams and goals. We will discuss how to stay motivated when doing something challenging and how to have a positive attitude.

Library

We will be continuing to visit the library on a Thursday morning. Please remind your child to bring their library book to school to enable them to choose a new one.

Homework

English homework is given out on a Monday, it should be returned by Wednesday. Maths homework is given out on a Wednesday, it should be returned by Friday. Weekend homework is given out on a Friday, to be returned on a Monday. Weekly spellings will continue being given out every Friday for a test on the following Friday.

Best wishes for the term ahead.

Mrs Matthews

