

Year Two Newsletter

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back to a new term here in Year 2. I hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and enjoyed celebrating the New Year. We look forward to a great new year and term in Y2 but it will be a very busy one as we have lots of exciting things to complete. We will be learning lots of exciting things about the coastline, Sikhism, Easter, uses of materials and plant survival. I hope to see your child putting in their best efforts to enable them to succeed which I'm positive they will do. With your continued support at home and school, I am sure your child will achieve their full potential. Thank you for your support.

English

During English this term the children will develop their writing skills of fiction and non-fiction texts. We will be exploring writing alternative endings, diary entries and setting descriptions. In order to do this, the children will look at a range of texts such as 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch', 'The Mousehole Cat' and 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Catastrophe.' We will also be looking at poetry. Alongside our writing, we will be working on our GPS skills such as sentence and word types, punctuation and spelling rules.

Maths

In Maths this term we will be looking at multiplication and division skills. The children have been working hard at learning their 2, 5 and 10 times tables and this knowledge will help them with this unit of work. We will explore arrays, bar models and repeated addition and use these skills to pick apart word problems. We will then move on to look at length and height and money. This will involve us looking at measuring in centimetres and metres, exploring pounds and pence and learning how to work out change and comparing different amounts of money.

RE

In RE this term we will be looking at the traditions and beliefs of the Sikh religion. We will look at their religion and discuss their culture and also think about their special place of worship. Christian celebrations and festivals will also be covered including Epiphany, Lent and Easter.



P.E

We will be having P.E on Monday and Wednesday this term.

Children will need to come into school wearing their PE kits (no football shirts/kit will be permitted).

Please note that where possible children will participate in PE, and many other lessons, outside there a warm coat and appropriate clothing is essential.

Topic

Our topic for the Spring terms will be called 'Coastline'. Within this project the children will explore some coastal towns such as Whitby in Yorkshire, looking at the different human and physical features and also the dangers that are presented whilst being at the coast. We will also look at Captain James Cook, a famous historical figure. As part of this, we will also be looking at creating artwork using flowers, spending time looking at our sketching skills and exploring creating different textures using clay and paper. We will also be designing and making our own beach hut as part of our Design and Technology work, exploring what materials will be more effective to make a stable structure.

Homework

Children's reading books can be changed on Friday. In order for your child to change their book we require a signature in their reading record from a parent or guardian.

Spellings will be set on a Friday and tested in school on the following Friday. Your support with homework is invaluable.

Children should be accessing Times Tables Rockstars and Spelling Shed regularly at home also.

If you have any problems or concerns and wish to speak to me, I am available at the beginning and the end of the school day. I will not, however, be available after school on a Monday as it is our staff meeting. You are also welcome to make an appointment at the office to see me for more significant issues.

Class teacher: Mrs Lockett LSP's: Miss Holl