

Year 2 2023-24 Spring Term 1 Newsletter

Welcome to Year 2! The class teacher in Year 2 is Mrs Ferris and the Teaching Assistant is Ms O'Sullivan.

If you would like to speak to any member of staff, please do not hesitate to contact us by making an appointment through the school office.

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Maths

Our next unit of work will be on place value. The children will have the chance to apply their understanding to problem solving questions. We will use the context of measures to look at the value of each digit in a two-digit number when we are reading a variety of scales. We will move on to learning about measuring the mass of objects before looking at names and properties of 2D and 3D shapes. We will use practical equipment to aid our understanding of place value and measures. Finally, we will work on our understanding of multiplication and division. We will be looking at patterns we can spot whilst working with the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. It will be helpful if these can be practised at home to support the learning in school.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> - A range of games to practise number skills.

English

We will begin the half term by looking at the story 'Man on the Moon' by Simon Bartram. We will be making predictions about the character and story before moving on to creating stories of our own. In this unit we will be focusing on the use of subordination for time, apostrophes, past tense and writing about fictional events. Following this we will move on to 'persuasive leaflets' and focus on the theme of 'Explorers in space!' We will organise our work in to sub-headings and carry out lots of research about the topic using a range of sources.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks1/literacy/> - for a range of different activities.

Science

Our topic for this half term will be 'Animals.' The topic will focus on the life cycle of a variety of animals. We will learn how animals grow and change and what animals need so that they survive. We will consider what we need to do to keep our bodies healthy and the effects of exercise on our bodies.

Computing

This half term we are looking at Robot algorithms. The children will develop an understanding of instructions in sequences and the use of logical reasoning to predict outcomes. Learners will use given commands in different orders to investigate how the order affects the outcome. They will also learn about design in programming. They will develop artwork and test it for use in a program. They will design algorithms and then test those algorithms as programs and debug them.

P.E:

This half term we will be focusing on developing our dance skills. We will begin by looking at basic dance movements and travelling skills. Linked to our topic 'Explorers' we will be considering what items an explorer might need for their journey and from this creating our own 'Backpack Dance.'

R.E

This half term we are looking at the unit 'Jesus, friend to everyone'. We will enjoy a range of stories of Jesus' Miracles, to increase the children's awareness that Christians believe that Jesus was an extraordinary person who welcomed everyone as a friend.

Topic / Creative Curriculum

Our topic is 'Explorers'. In History, we will learn about what it means to be an explorer and what equipment an explorer needs. Following this, we will then learn about famous explorers including Neil Armstrong, Christopher Columbus and Valentina Tereshkova, and their missions! Finally, we will compare the experiences of different explorers and form our own argument about who is the most important explorer.

In Music, we will be looking at a range of Rock music, creating our own bands and learning to play the recorder.

In DT, we will be creating our very own Moon Buggies for Bob the space explorer. We will learn different mechanisms and then design, make and evaluate our moon buggies.

P.S.H.E

This half term, our topic is 'Keeping Safe'. We will be learning about medicine safety, things that make us feel safe, what to do if we don't feel safe and appropriate contact. We will explore these topics through a range of stories and activities.

Ideas to help your child at home:

- Read at home with your child as often as possible. The children will collect stickers in their reading rainbow and will get to swap it for a book prize when the chart is full.
- Homework is set at the beginning of the term and is to be completed once a week. Your child can bring their homework in to school when completed and will be given house points and a chance to show the class their work.
- By the end of Year 2 we need to know our 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. Any practise at home would be really useful.

Things to remember:

- Homework will be set at the beginning of every half term and will be collected in weekly.
- P.E. kits in school for P.E. at all times, usually taught on a Wednesday and Thursday.
- Correct uniform to be worn all the time, including school shoes. Please notify school of any issues Please can names be put in all uniform.
- Refresh yourself on the schools' behaviour policy, available from the school office or school website.
- Check the School Facebook for photos, news and up to date learning which has taken place.