

Year 2 Newsletter

Spring 2018



Welcome back after the Christmas break and a Happy New Year from the Year 2 staff. We look forward to building upon the work we have started last term, preparing the children for the end of Key Stage 1 whilst delivering a challenging and enjoyable curriculum. Here is some useful information about the Spring Term:

Homework

Reading – Books are changed on the following days:

Mr Nicholls' and Miss Butler's classes -Books to be changed every Monday and Thursday.

Mrs Robinson's class -Books to be changed every Tuesday and Friday.

Spelling – We will continue to give a list of ten spellings to consolidate learning from the previous year and to cover the Year 2 spelling appendix. An optional extension to weekly practice is to write the spellings out into sentences as this will help embed the patterns further when the children come to write.

Times Tables – Each term there will be a new times table sheet in your child's homework book. This half term we will focus on the 3 times table. Following this the children will be tested on a combination of 2s, 5s and 3s. These brief tests will continue to be on a Thursday.

Homework sheet - To support classroom learning, your child will need to complete a Maths, Reading Comprehension or a Grammar activity on alternate weeks. This will be handed out each Friday in their Homework Book and should be handed in by Wednesday the following week. Please, as ever, let your class teacher know if there is a problem with handing in the homework or if your child has had any difficulties as we are always very happy to give more time or support in class.

PE

Football (Spring 1) and Basketball (Spring 2) - Sessions will take place on Thursday afternoons.

Please ensure that your child has full PE kit each week and that all items of uniform are clearly labelled. If at any time you wish your child to be exempt from a PE lesson for medical reasons a letter must be sent.

Topics for Spring Term

RE – The themes for this term are 'Good News' and 'The Mass'. Children will learn about the joy that Jesus brings through his miracles and to reflect on how we can bring joy to others. After the half term they will learn about the readings at Mass and why we should listen to them. We will also study the Offertory and how the bread and the wine are changed into Jesus' Body and Blood.

History (After Half Term) – The Titanic

We will explore life at the time of the Titanic disaster and the event itself. On the 16th of March we will be travelling to the Liverpool Maritime Museum to support our classroom learning about life on the Titanic and how and why it sank.

Science – Growing Up and Materials. Children will learn about how what we need changes as we grow up and the stages of the human life cycle. We will also start our investigation of different materials and why some are chosen for different purposes.

Art / DT – Nature Sculptures and Landscapes. Using clay and other media we will learn how to make sculptures inspired by the natural world around us. After half term we will learn about landscapes and cityscapes and the different approaches artists have used in their artwork. We are also looking to link art to our Geography topic and explore the Great Wall of China.

Computing – Children will study photography and how to take better photos before looking at how to use the internet for researching topics.

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Music – The children will learn about the idea of groove in different music genres such as blues music and funk. They will also explore rhythm in reggae and hip hop music.

Creative Writing - Space Exploration and Dinosaurs. Children will create writing in lots of different styles based around these exciting topics such as designing their own planet travel brochure and describing how they survived an adventure on Dinosaur Island.

Please encourage your child to bring in any items of interest related to the above topics.

Copies of areas to be covered in English and Maths are available to be viewed on our school website.

Other Information

In line with Planning, Preparation and Assessment (PPA) time, children will participate in Computing sessions with Mrs Patiniott, Music sessions with Mrs McKenzie and PE with the Soccerwise coaching staff on a Thursday afternoon.

We would like to extend our gratitude for the continued support from home. Please feel free to direct any questions you have to your class teacher. We look forward to working with you over this Spring Term.

Mr Nicholls

Mrs Robinson

Miss Butler