

# Year 2 Newsletter

## Curriculum for the Spring Term

Hello, we hope you have all had a good start to the half term. It has been lovely to see the children coming back into school ready to learn. In this newsletter, we have set out an overview of what we have planned for this term.

### **English**

We are continuing to use our phonics scheme, Read, Write, Inc. to support the children with reading, spelling and writing.

The writing focus will be on:

- sequencing sentences to form short narratives
- Using punctuation correctly
- Using present and past tense
- Using co-ordination (or, and, but) and some subordination (when, if, that, because) to join clauses.

The Year 2 'Non-negotiables' that we expect the children to all use are: handwriting presentation, correct spelling, use of capital letters, full stops and finger spacing between words.

We are also going to be starting to incorporate aspects of 'Talk 4 Writing' into our English lessons which will involve lots of language development, storytelling and experiences to get the children inspired and using their imaginations!

### **Reading**

We ask that every child reads at home every day for approximately 15 minutes and this is recorded, by an adult, in the child's reading record. The books that are sent home continue to be matched to the children's phonics levels. The Read, Write, Inc. book is one that children should be able to use their phonics knowledge to read words whereas the second book is one for you to share together.

We encourage you to leave reading books and reading records in the children's bags so that we can write when we read with them. We will send two new books home on a Friday.

Guided Reading and reading comprehension and reading based activities take place each week in school.

The children are very excited to have learnt about the return of the reading bugs and are looking forward to helping to save them this half term by reading 25 times before 18<sup>th</sup> February!

### **Spellings**

We will be sending home the spelling words that the children need to be able to spell and to use correctly in their writing. We check these words on a Friday.

### **Maths**

This half term we will be learning about multiplication, division and money. We are currently focusing on: equal groups and using repeated addition and arrays to write multiplication sentences.

It will help if the children are able to practise their 2, 5 and 10 times tables and can recognise the value of all of the coins and notes.

### **Topic**

Our current topic is 'Street Detectives' in which we will be taking a closer look at the area we live in, looking at houses old and new and finding out how our streets have changed. We are making maps and plans of the streets around us and planning our routes to see what we can see and find.

### **P.E**

P.E for Year 2 will continue to be on a Monday and Tuesday so please make sure children come to school in their P.E kit which should be a plain white t-shirt and plain black tracksuit or shorts with **no logos**.

If you have any questions or your child has any issues accessing the work from home, please do not hesitate to contact us on one of the following emails:

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Thank you for your continued support

Best wishes,

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