

Year 2 Newsletter

September 2019

Welcome Back! We hope you had a fantastic summer holiday and are ready for a very busy and exciting school year ahead in Year 2. I am really looking forward to teaching Year 2 this year and will be joined in the classroom by Mrs Gray and Mrs Ruane.

Curriculum

This year, we will be no longer learning within a topic, but in discrete subjects. This term, we will be focusing on geography and learning all about the geographical features of coastline and seaside resorts. We will also be exploring 3D Art, where we will be using materials to create 3D objects and also using cameras to focus on particular details of an artefact. In English, we will be reading books about traditional tales and writing our own stories and instructions. In Maths, we will focus on place value and numbers up to 100 and how we can represent these in different ways. We will then go onto adding and subtracting two digit numbers using different methods. In Science, our learning will be focusing on '*Living things and their habitats*'. Our work in RE will focus on understanding Islam and how Muslims show their faith on a daily basis. We will be recapping some of the phonics and spelling work the children learnt in Year 1 and will quickly move onto Year 2 spelling rules and patterns.

Reading

We aim to send home a coloured labelled reading book within the first week back at school along with a year 2 reading record. Please leave a comment in the record for each night your child reads. For every night they read at home, they will receive one signature (house point). Do let us know if the book we send home is too easy or challenging so we can adjust the level if necessary. We also encourage children to read their own books at home alongside the school reading books- the more reading the better! We will also be developing our reading skills during our everyday learning within guided reading, sometimes this will be with an adult, and other times independently.

Enclosed with this newsletter are year 1 and year 2 common exception words for your information. These words are words in which English spelling works in an uncommon or an unusual way. At the end of year 2, children are expected to be able to read and spell most of these words.

Spellings

We will send home a list of spellings each week to practise, with a spelling test carried out each Friday. Children who can spell well are often more confident writers. They are more likely to write their ideas quickly and fluently as they don't need to worry about whether or not their spelling is correct.

PE

PE will take place every Monday and Wednesday. Please ensure children have suitable kit for indoor and outdoor activities, including trainers and a warm jumper for when it gets cooler.

Times Table Rockstars

By the end of Year 2, children are expected to know their 2, 5 and 10 times table. If your child has access to the app via an iPad or Android phone, or the website, please encourage them to log in and get practising! Their login details will be put on a label on the front of their reading records. Children in Year 2 will be focusing on numbers bonds to 10 and then later on will be completing daily times table practise in class.

Working together

Thank you in advance for your support this year whilst we work together to secure the best possible outcomes for your child in Year 2. If you have any questions or queries, please feel free to catch one of us at the beginning or the end of the school day or book an appointment with Miss Lambert through the school office.

The Year 2 Team.