










Year Two Newsletter

Spring - 2022

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope that you had had a good rest over the holiday.
We have so many exciting things planned for your child for this half term!

Our topic, this half term is: Our World

 <p>English</p>	<p>We are starting off this half term with poetry, where we will be focusing on a poem called 'The Hippocrump'. We will be developing our descriptive writing using techniques and devices to really engage the reader and paint an image in their mind. We will then move on to non-fiction later on in the half term. Throughout all of our units, the focus will remain on developing the skills of writing - making sure our sentences begin with a capital letter, ends with a full stop and is an appropriate size which is maintained consistently. We will also be ensuring our writing makes sense by reading it back and making changes where needed.</p> <p>In phonics, we will be continuing to move to our units, beginning with the 'v' sound and then moving to the 'oo' sound.</p>
 <p>Reading for Pleasure</p>	<p>This half term, as always we continue to have a big focus on Reading for Pleasure. In class, we will be reading a wide range of books and we will also have a class novel the children can enjoy at the end of each school day. We are currently reading 'A Donkey called Mistletoe', which is a book we have continued to read after the Christmas holiday. Our author focus this half term is Helen Cooper.</p> <p>I would like to recommend some websites for you to explore with your children. These are great for resources and also promote a wide range of reading recommendations for Year 2 and https://www.readingrockets.org/</p>
 <p>Maths</p>	<p>In our Maths lessons, we are going to be completing our unit on addition and subtraction before moving on to multiplication and division. We will be focusing on written methods and working mentally with jottings to select the most efficient method. We will be working on our number bonds to 8 and how we can make 8 with different numbers. In addition to this we will be working on comparing numbers.</p>
 <p>Science</p>	<p>This half term we are learning all about living things and their habitats. We will be learning about the seven life processes and using the acronym of MRS GREN to help cement our learning. We will think about what living things are and what they need to be able to do in order to be classified as living.</p>
 <p>RE</p>	<p>In RE we are looking at creating unity and harmony and how we are different and unique to others yet also share lots of similarities. We will be reflecting on all different religions as we share our own personal responses. We will also be focusing on participation and having a willingness to lead. Our focus Bible place this half term will be the Mount of Olives. Children will use their research skills to find out about why this place is significant for Christians.</p>
 <p>Computing</p>	<p>This half term, in Computing, we will be completing a unit called 'making music'. We will think about the link between music and the technology around us. We will consider how different pieces of music make us feel and zone in to rhythms and beats. We will then move on to looking at digital music and how this is created and edited.</p>
 <p>Topic</p>	<p>During Topic Week, we will be finding out about our world through Art. Year 2 will focus on sculpture, and their focus artist will be Andy Goldsworthy. Each child will create their own unique piece of art which will be displayed in the art gallery at the end of the half term.</p>
 <p>PE</p>	<p>This half term, our unit focus is gymnastics, with Mr Browne.</p> <p>By the end of this half term, we will be able to: identify and use simple gymnastics actions and shapes, and apply basic strength to a range of these gymnastics actions.</p> <p>We will also learn how to safely carry basic apparatus such as mats and benches.</p>
 <p>Music</p>	<p>All the learning in this unit is focused around rhythm and pitch and how music can tell stories about the past. We will be identifying the pulse and thinking about how pitch changes the song. We will be learning more about this style and its musical concepts through listening to lots of genres of music.</p> <p>Our focus piece this half term is 'I wanna play in a band'. It is a Rock song written especially for children. As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with this song, children will listen and appraise classic Rock songs.</p>

Attendance

In order for your child to get the best out of school and maximise their learning, please make sure your child is **on time for school and comes to school every day**. School starts at **8.45am**. Thank you.

Homework

You will receive homework on a Friday which will be due in on a Tuesday. Sometimes this might be given as a paper copy if children need to revise something/read something.

Please read with your child for 10 minutes every day at least. We aim to change library books weekly so please make sure your child has their book bag in school every day.