

Year 2 Newsletter - Autumn 2 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Year 2. I hope you had a well rested break and are ready to start the new half term.

We have lots of exciting and challenging work planned for your children and really look forward to working alongside you again. If there is anything that Miss Thompson or I can help you with, then please do not hesitate to come to us. We are more than happy to help you!

 <p>English</p>	<p>This half term, Year 2 will be writing non-fiction, focusing on instructions. We will then move on to a writing for pleasure unit, in which the children will have the chance to apply their writing skills more independently.</p> <p>Our class author this term is Anthony Browne. You can find out more about his writing here: http://www.anthonybrownebooks.com/</p> <p>My personal favourite of his is Into the Forest. There is a copy in Year 2, if you would like to read this at home together!</p>
 <p>Reading for Pleasure</p>	<p>In Year 2, we will be focusing more on what our favourite books are. We will be given the opportunity to explore a wide range of genres to discover books that we love. This will be done by having more time to visit the library, as well as more independent reading time in the classroom.</p> <p>My current favourite book is a book called This is not a Picture Book. It is a fun and engaging book, which the children already love as well! They enjoy listening to this book, so borrow it and laugh along with them!</p> <p>We are also reading Mr Tiger, Betsy and the Golden Seahorse. This is a chapter book full of adventure. The children are awaiting the arrival of Mr Tiger in the book...</p> <p>Please do borrow any of my books to read at home, with your child. They are there to develop their love for reading!</p> <p>http://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk and https://www.readingrockets.org/ are great supporting websites for resources and full of book recommendations!</p>
 <p>Maths</p>	<p>This half term, we will be continuing our work on Number. We will begin with Addition and Subtraction, before moving on to Money, and finishing off with some work on Multiplication and Division.</p> <p>It is also Barvember, during November, so we will be challenging ourselves with lots of Maths problems that will use a bar model to help us to represent the answer. I will send some home for you to try together.</p> <p>Use the website - Maths is Fun - as a way of exploring these topics.</p> <p>https://www.mathsisfun.com</p>
 <p>Science</p>	<p>The focus for our Science this half term is Healthy Me. The children will be learning about the lifecycles and basic needs of animals (including humans). They will also explore ways in which we can keep ourselves healthy.</p> <p>Here is a website with some interesting information to get you started on our science topic, this half term: https://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/keeping-healthy</p>
 <p>RE</p>	<p>In RE, this half term, we will be learning about Incarnation. The children will be able to achieve a deeper understanding of Jesus and why he is so important to Christians. As we approach Christmas, we will be thinking about the importance of Jesus' birth, recognising the stories we learn about Jesus' birth and decide for themselves what they have to be thankful for during this important time.</p> <p>Have a read of the story for yourself: https://www.biblestudytools.com/bible-stories/birth-of-jesus.html</p>
 <p>Computing</p>	<p>In computing, this half term, we will be learning about E-safety and also how to use Spreadsheets. During the E-safety unit of work, the children will learn how to send emails to one another within the classroom, as well as how we know who we are talking to online.</p> <p>During the Spreadsheets unit of work, children will be learning how to collect and store data in a systematic way.</p> <p>http://www.internetmatters.org</p>
 <p>Topic</p>	<p>Our Heritage Topic is Our Community and our subject focus is Geography. The children will be learning about geographical similarity and difference by comparing a city environment (Birmingham) with a mountain environment (the Himalayas) in a non-European part of the world.</p> <p>Have a look at this website for some more information: https://www.britannica.com/place/Himalayas</p>
 <p>PE</p>	<p>PE is taught by Mr Browne, on Friday morning. The children will be learning all about gymnastics this half term. They will develop their flexibility and learn to put different movements into a routine.</p> <p>For some inspiration, children could do some research about Louis Smith. He received a MBE for his commitment to sport: https://www.teamgb.com/athlete/louis-smith/7pAY753wWef1AarDvo8iFb</p> <p>Children need full PE kit, which needs to include black shorts/leggings, a white t-shirt and trainers/plimsolls.</p>
 <p>Music</p>	<p>In Music this half term, the children will be focusing on one song - Ho, Ho, Ho, a Christmas song. We will be developing our appreciation for different genres of music, through listening and appraising similar songs, linked to our main song. We will also improve our understanding of rhythm and pitch through the playing of different instruments and using our voices to sing.</p>
 <p>Art</p>	<p>This half term, Year 2 have the pleasure of inviting Sue Guthrie into our class, to teach and develop our drawing skills! Sue is a fantastic artist, who is our artist-in-residence.</p> <p>Try finding some of her artwork here: www.sueguthrie.co.uk to really see how amazing her work is!</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

Homework will continue to be given on **Google Classroom**.