

Dear Year 2 Parents / Carers,

We hope you had a lovely break and are looking forward to the busy term ahead! This newsletter will provide you with useful information about work that your child will be covering this half term. Can we please remind you how important it is for your child to be in school every day, on time and in the correct uniform. School starts at 8:50, although children need to be lined up in the playground by 8:45 when teachers come to meet them. The children will be rewarded for good attendance. **Attendance is crucial for children to continue to make good progress this year. If your child is absent please ensure that you ring the school by 9.30 am to inform of the reason for absence. A note must also be written explaining your child's absence on their return to school.**

Maths

Over the half term, children will be continuing to deepen their learning on all four number operations. They will also be exploring and naming 2D and 3D shapes and describing properties. We will explore symmetry and patterns with shapes and numbers. We will learn about the inverse operation and use this for problem solving, eg $25 + 5 = 30$, $30 - 5 = 25$. We teach the children to recognise different coins and their value and then how to find totals of amount and give change. Please keep encouraging your child to practise their times tables. By now they should be confident with 2, 5 and 10's and should be learning their 3 and 4 times tables. If your child is already confident, you can challenge them by muddling the order of sums that you give them!

English

Our English topics this term focus on skills to develop their language and vocabulary across a range of cross curricular topics. We will be describing the gingerbread house in Hansel and Gretel and focusing on the use of adjectives and expanded noun phrases. We will link our Geography topic of continents and oceans with writing a fact file around our learning. We look at features of how to write an explanation text and write about the life cycle of a frog.

Cross Curricular

In Geography we will be learning all about the continents and oceans and link this to our English lessons and we have asked the children to complete a homework project around this topic and can present their ideas in poster, model or leaflet. We will be looking at health and growth in Science and how people and animals change as they grow. In PSHE&C, the children will be learning about the importance of a balanced and healthy diet and how exercise affects the body in a positive way. We will be designing and making healthy pizzas in D&T and also learning about Sikhism in RE lessons. In Art we will be exploring different artists and create a collage.

Phonics

During our daily Phonics sessions we will continue to work on a variety of sounds. We follow the Letters and Sounds Programme and will introduce new sounds as and when your child is ready. Each week children will bring home up to 10 spellings to learn in preparation for a short test, usually held on a Friday. Spellings are usually linked with the sounds that the children have been learning, or words specific to a topic of learning. Please encourage your child to practise these each week.

P.E.

We have P.E **Monday and Wednesday afternoon**. Please ensure your child has their P.E. kit in school - shorts, t-shirt and plimsolls (tracksuit bottoms and jumper are permitted in winter months). Children should not wear any jewellery on PE days. This half term children will be looking at multi skills and Dance

SATS

As you know Year 2 children have SATS in the month of May and our homework has been around supporting them to get ready for the tests as well as the work we do in class. We will be having a SATs meeting for parents in Spring 2 . We will send the details in a parent mail.

Many thanks,

Ms Kidwai and Mr Houseago