

Year Two Class Newsletter

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Welcome Back!

It is so lovely to welcome the children back to school after Christmas.

If you have any questions, I can be contacted by:

Class Dojo - after school up until 4.30pm

Telephone - please call school to arrange a telephone conversation (0121 464 6921)

Mrs Bird

PE

Year two will have two PE lessons this half term.

PE days will be on a **Tuesday and Wednesday**.

Please ensure your child is in full PE kit on these days with a school cardigan or jumper to wear during the day.



Class Dojo

Please sign up to class dojo. Keep a look out for posts about what we are up to!

Whole School Dojo also has regular updates.

Water Bottles



It is really important your child brings a water bottle to school everyday. Please ensure water bottles have names on as well as jumpers, cardigans and coats.

Reading Books

Please ensure you are listening to your child read every evening. This is hugely beneficial to their reading progress which will have a major impact on their learning. We ask for diaries to be signed at least once weekly, then we can change your child's books. Please make sure that your child's reading book is in school everyday so that they can be heard read.

Homework

Homework will continue to be reading every night, weekly spellings and Numbots whenever possible. Please also check class DOJO for the whole school homework grids which has a range of activities for the children to choose and complete.

Year Two Curriculum Letter

Maths

In Maths this half-term, we will begin by consolidating our understanding of addition and subtraction, including adding and subtracting two 2-digit numbers across a 10. We will then move on to our shape unit, learning how to identify properties of 2D and 3D Shapes. We will also be having a huge drive on multiplication and division by 2, 3, 5 and 10.

English

We will begin the half-term by looking at exciting and playful poems by well-known Poets. With a focus on alliteration and onomatopoeia. Our next text in our English lessons is 'Lila and the Secret of Rain' written by David Conway and Jude Daly. We will be focusing on how a characters feelings are conveyed through descriptive language and writing our own narratives.

RE

We will begin the half-term with a Christmas unit, focusing on the annunciation and the nativity story. Then, we will be focusing on special celebrations that take place in the church.

Science

In Science our unit is all about electricity. We will be learning about what electricity is, its uses, what appliances need electricity in order to work as well as the importance of using electricity safely. We will then be spending time learning the circuit symbols before building and drawing our own electrical circuit.

PE

Our PE theme this half-term is gymnastics. We will be exploring types of balances with a focus on points which are balances for small body parts (hands, feet, elbows, knees) and patches which are balances for larger body parts (back, tummy, shoulders).

Geography

In Geography, we are learning about the British Isles. We will be learning about what makes a country an island and thinking about the countries that make up the British Isles. Each week, we will learn more about each particular country, including; famous landmarks, capital cities, the location on a map, etc.

Music

This half-term, we will be exploring Prokofiev's Peter and the Wolf, learning how musical themes and instruments represent different characters. We will listen to the music, practise singing and playing percussion and create our own short composition.

Computing

In Computing we begin our unit on Artificial Intelligence (AI) systems and pattern recognition. The children will explore how machines work, how humans learn and how AI technologies are trained.

PRE

In our PRE lessons this half-term we are focusing on people's likes, dislikes and interests and understanding that everybody likes and dislikes different things. We will also be thinking about healthy ways of dealing with our emotions when faced with situations that we may not like.

Art

In Art this half term we are focusing on portraits and self-portraits and understanding how artists can use self-portraits to show their own feelings, emotions and interests. The artists we will be learning about are Picasso, Frieda Kahlo, Rembrandt and Van Gogh. By the end of the half-term we will have created our own self-portrait in the style of these artists using our own feelings, emotions and interests.

Year 2 Spellings - Spring One

These are the spellings that we will be looking at in class for this half term:

tries replies cries spies supplies flies copies babies carries lorries	copied replied spied fried applied relied identified multiplied magnified supplied	happier happiest angrier angriest drier driest tidier tidiest funnier funniest	hiking shining joking hoping smiling surprising loving writing coming caring	every everybody even great break steak pretty beautiful after fast
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