

YEAR 2 NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of a new and exciting school year and the next step in your child's journey through education. We hope that you had a wonderful and restful break and have come back feeling refreshed.

We will be learning about a range of interesting areas of the curriculum and engage in many activities. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. We will be very grateful for your help whenever possible, such as accompanying us on educational trips and visits.

The Year 2 teaching team are always available in the playground. If further discussion is needed we will be happy to offer you an appointment.

Kind Regards,

The Year 2 Team:

Ms Roberts (2B), Miss O'Donovan (2G),
Mrs Tucker (2N).

Support staff: Mrs Laura Keegan, Ms Sue and Ms A.



TOPICS FOR THIS TERM

What would Horrid Henry find exciting about our local area?

Literacy: Texts: Lion in the meadow
Tilly's pet
Stories in familiar settings
Poetry
Postcards & Letters

Numeracy: Place value,
Four operations and Shape.

Science: Living things and their habitats.

R.E: Right and Wrong/Christianity

Geography: Local area and Mapping

PHSE: New Beginnings

Art: Landscapes

PE: Dance & Gymnastics

Computing: E-Safety & navigating a computer

Homework

Every Friday, selected pages from the CGP books are to be completed and returned by Wednesday.

Spellings will be sent home on a Friday and assessed the following week. It is essential that you support the children with their homework, as it is important for the consolidation of their learning.

Physical Education

Children will now have Physical Education once a week.

2B, 2G, 2N: PE on Monday PM

The P.E. kit consists of navy shorts, white t-shirt and black plimsolls. Please ensure they are in school and that all items of clothing including jumpers/cardigans are properly labelled.

Your child can bring a labelled water bottle to school every day to keep them hydrated.

Dates for your diary

- Christmas Production – 17th December 2019
- Recorders on TUESDAYS
- Class Sharing Assembly for Parents
 - 2G = 10th October 2019
 - 2N = 23rd January 2020
 - 2B = 6th February 2020

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Literacy

We will be reading Horrid Henry stories involving familiar settings. We will also be exploring familiar settings through Margaret Mahy's story A Lion in the Meadow. Children will be generating ideas and planning a story about an animal that lives in their house under the stairs. There will be a focus on using simple punctuation and story problems and solutions. They will be learning and applying simple spelling rules.

Geography

We will be learning about the local area, devising maps with symbols and keys, and using geographical vocabulary to describe physical and human features.

Art

We will be exploring landscapes based around David Hockney, using the local area as inspiration.

The children will be developing techniques of colour, pattern, texture and space.

Science

We will be learning about living and non-living things. What makes something alive – we will be using MRS GREN (movement, respiration, sensitivity, growth, reproduction, excretion and nutrition).

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Computing

We will be exploring E-safety and how to navigate and use a computer effectively.

Maths

During this term, key skills we will be learning include: Sequences and place value; Counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s; Money and time; Number facts of addition and subtraction; Measuring; Fractions including $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$; and Times Tables 2x, 3x, 5x and 10x.

You can help your child by discussing what they have been learning in school and support them by giving them simple mathematical problems to solve. Look for fun, interactive resources online such as Mathletics.

RE

We will be looking at what is right and what is wrong and why. We will investigate the Ten Commandments.

PE

We will be learning about dance and gymnastics, using simple movements based around balance and coordination.