



Year 2 Spring Term Newsletter



Welcome to Spring Term in Year 2! Thank you all, once again, for my lovely Christmas gifts – I hope you all had a happy (and hopefully Covid free) Christmas. This term, our values are Wisdom and Hope. In class and during collective worship we will be thinking about these values and creating work which reflects what these values mean to us. These will all be displayed in our class values book.

Maths

In Maths we are learning to use our knowledge of place value to partition two digit numbers into tens and ones. We will begin to add two-digit numbers to other two-digit numbers. After, we will be looking at using kilograms as a unit of measure for mass and find everyday objects that weigh more or less than a kilogram. Then we shall continue to represent multiplication as repeated addition and arrays. Similarly division will continue to be represented as sharing, grouping and arrays. We will consolidate our understanding of time as we continue to learn to tell the time to the hour half an hour and quarter hour (past and to). We will re-visit money and introduce the relationship between pounds and pence.

Well Being

Philosophy and PSHE sessions will be based on a book, picture or video stimulus to encourage the children to ask questions. With a particular focus around economic wellbeing.

During these sessions the children will also be discussing the special people in our community, right and wrong and anti-bullying. There will also be a focus on keeping on keeping ourselves safe.

This term the children will be looking closely at the 'tolerance of different faiths and beliefs and rule of law.'

English

Please read regularly at home with your child as this is vitally important for the development of their reading and writing skills. When reading with your child, please ask them questions about what has happened, what will happen, and their own feelings and opinions about what they read. Please feel free to log any reading that they do, and a range of fiction and non-fiction is encouraged. We appreciate your help to look after your child's reading record and ensure they are signed regularly and are kept in your child's book bag at all times. Our English lessons will be based on a range of genres. We start by retelling a story based on the theme of fear. The children will use innovation to change the stories before finally inventing their own sequels. Our lessons will have a grammar focus – adjectives, nouns and verbs in particular – because this is a high priority within the end of year expectations.

PPA

On Thursday morning/afternoon I have my PPA. During this time Mrs Boyle will be covering the class and teaching Art & Design, Music and French.

P.E

On Friday afternoon the children will have P.E. Please ensure children have the correct P.E kit: navy blue shorts/tracksuit bottoms and yellow/white T-shirts. Please make sure all items of your child's P.E kit are named. If your child is unable to access a P.E lesson due to injury or illness, please write a note to let us know. Please remember that earrings must not be worn during P.E. lessons and should be removed before school if necessary.



Science, Computing and Design Technology

Our topic this term will be *Living Things*. We will be learning about the life cycles of humans, and other animals. We will find out about the basic needs of all animals and the importance of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene. Our Design and Technology lessons will involve planning and creating a healthy savoury meal so that the children are able to feed themselves and others a healthy and varied diet.

During Computing we will be particularly focusing on how to use technology safely and securely. With a particular focus on the dos and don'ts when online in regards to using personal information.

Expressive Arts

Our main focus will be based on Aboriginal Art and the Australian artist Clifford Possum Tjapaltjarri. The children will use this style of collage painting to inspire their own work based on another culture. Inspired by our Geography topic 'A Visit to China' we will be making dyed Chinese fabric lanterns.

In French the children will focus on learning the name of animals and how to talk about their family members.

During our music lessons the children will continue to listen & appraise. They will again be learning different styles (Rock and Reggae), finding the pulse and recognising the different varieties of instruments used.

Uniform

Please adhere to the school's uniform policy which can be found on the website. As the winter closes in, please ensure your child brings a named coat daily. Hats and gloves are advised too as the children will be outside unless it is raining heavily.

History

During History this term the children will be learning about the lives and achievements of two famous women: Rosa Parks and Elizabeth Fry.

After half term the children will be looking at 'The Great Exhibition' They will be learning how the British Empire brought inventors together into one place to share ideas and knowledge to benefit everyone during the Victorian ages.

Geography

During the first half of this term, our topic is 'Is it Really Round?' This unit builds on the work the children did in Year 1, where they were introduced to the globe and simple maps. The children will learn how to locate the world's seven continents and five oceans.

'A Visit to China' will follow when the children will understand that not all countries have the same climate and that some countries have geographical features different from the United Kingdom.

R.E

Our first unit for the Spring term is: 'Why Did Jesus Teach The Lord's Prayer As The Way To Pray?' This unit teaches the importance of prayer to Christians, and in particular, The Lord's Prayer. The children will learn how this prayer is the way that Jesus taught his followers to pray to God and the meaning of each phrase in The Lord's Prayer. The children will also learn how The Lord's Prayer is used by Christians worldwide. During the second half of the Spring term we will learn about the School's Saint's and how Easter symbols help us to understand the true meaning of Easter.



Loveworks

Following the excellent response over the last few years, we have once again decided to support the local charity Loveworks as one of our half termly 'love projects.' Loveworks helps those in need of food and can also offer support with paying utility bills. To support Loveworks, we are running our 'A Tin A Week' project again. As the name suggests, we are asking for children to bring in one item a week for the next five weeks. We hope that we can reach at least 500 items by half term. The items needed are listed below in priority order: UHT semi skimmed milk, shampoo, toilet rolls, tins of meat casserole, tinned corn beef, ham etc, long life fruit juice, tinned fruit, porridge oats, soup, tuna, pasta sauce, jam, rice, tinned potatoes/smash, tinned vegetables, tinned tomatoes, breakfast cereals, tinned custard/rice pudding, deodorant/anti perspirant.

To find out more about Loveworks please follow the link <http://www.loveworks.org.uk/> Thank you in advance for your support.

Key Dates

PTFA Cinema Night -

Tuesday 25th January 2022 3.15pm - 5.30pm

Half Term

Monday 14th February - 18th February 2022

St. David's Day - yellow shirt

Tuesday 1st March 2022

Year 2 Class Collective Worship - Wednesday 9th March 2022

Half term - Monday 14th to Friday 18th February 2022

And finally...

If you have any quick questions or concerns please feel free to catch me in the playground at the end of the day. I am very happy to answer your queries and it is always good to see you! If you would like to speak with me more privately, please see me to arrange an appointment. Please do keep an eye on the school website which lists all the key dates for the Spring term.

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Year 2 Team