



Year 2

Spring Term Newsletter



Welcome to Spring Term in Year 2! We have a very busy term ahead, preparing for our special challenges in May. Thank you all, once again, from us all, for our beautiful Christmas gifts. I do hope you all had a wonderful 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.

Maths

Multiplication and Division

- Recognise, make and add equal groups
- Introduce the multiplication symbol
- Multiplication sentences
- Use arrays
- Make equal groups - grouping and sharing

Money

- Count money in pence and pounds
- Choose notes and coins
- Make the same amount
- Compare amounts of money
- Calculate with money
- Make a pound

Length and height

- Measure in cms and ms
- Compare lengths and heights
- Order lengths and heights
- Four operations with lengths and heights

Mass, capacity and temperature

- Compare mass
- Measure in grams and kilograms
- Compare volume and capacity
- Measure in millilitres and litres
- Use all in the four operations

PPA

On Thursday morning I have my PPA. During this time Miss Murray and Mrs Fowler will be covering the class and teaching English and Maths.

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.

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 have 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 the term 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.

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.

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.

Homework

This will continue to be sent home on Friday and must be handed back in by the following Wednesday. Spellings will be sent home on Friday and tested the following Friday. Please help your child to learn their spellings. In addition to this, children should be reading aloud to an adult regularly at home.

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.

Mrs Mitchell, Miss Murray, Mr Tsang and Mrs Fowler.
Year 2 Team

Geography

In Spring 1, our topic is 'A Visit to China'. Children will learn about life in China, The Great Wall of China and what it is like to be a child in China. It is very different! This fits perfectly with Chinese New Year which is Sunday 22nd January.

History

During History this term the children will be learning about the lives and achievements of two famous women: Rosa Parks and Elizabeth Fry. Most children will know something about Rosa Parks as she is one of the people we learn about in Collective Worship during Black History Month. Elizabeth Fry is probably the lesser known of the two but is regarded as an important philanthropist. She wanted to do good with her life and after visiting Newdigate Prison, Elizabeth's actions led to the reform of the prison system across the country.

Diary Dates

PTFA Cinema Night— 22nd January—
3.15pm—5.30pm

PTFA—Bags2School collection—Wednesday
21st February

PTFA KS2 School Disco—Friday 23rd
February 4pm —5pm

St. David's Day - St David's children to wear
a yellow shirt—Friday 1st March

Year 2 Collective Worship—Wednesday 13th
March—9.05am

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

