



## 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

#### **PE**

On Friday afternoon Year 2 will continue to have PE. Please send your child into school wearing their PE kit appropriate for the weather as we will be doing inside and outside.

#### **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 Claude Monet a French painter and founder of impressionism painting who is seen as a key precursor to modernism, especially in his attempts to paint nature as he perceived it.

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: 'What does it mean to be Muslim?' This unit teaches the about the Islamic faith and compares this to the Christian faith. The children will learn all about the Qur'an, Muslim places of worship alongside various Islamic celebrations that Muslim people celebrate. In Spring 2 the unit is: 'Why are women so important in the Bible?' where we will look at influential women that appear in the Bible and the impact on the Christian faith that they have had. After this we will then move onto looking at the topic: 'Do Easter symbols help us to understand Easter?' where we will look at the Easter story and signs and symbols related to Easter.

### **Homework**

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.

### **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 the Chinese New Year which is celebrated this year on 17<sup>th</sup> February – 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

### **History**

During Spring 2, 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**

Happy School Bag Collection Thursday 29th January

PTFA KS1 Disco (Years R-2) Friday 30th January – 16.00pm-17.00pm

Digital Wellbeing presentation from YMCA Friday 6th February – 09.00am

PTFA Quiz Night Saturday 28th February 7.30-11.30pm – Village Hall

St. David's Day – yellow shirt Monday 2nd March (Sunday 1st March)

Book Week W/C 2nd March

St. Patrick's Day – green shirt Tuesday 17th March

Parent and Carer Evening Monday 16th March – 3.30pm - 6.00pm

Parent and Carer Evening Tuesday 17th March – 3.30pm - 6.00pm

Parent and Carer Evening Wednesday 18th March – 3.30pm - 6.00pm

World Poetry Day Saturday 21st March



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