Year Two Curriculum Newsletter

Literacy

This half term we will be focusing on non-fiction reading and writing. We will be learning to write a newspaper article and learning to present information linked to our topic learning in a variety of interesting ways. The children will continue to learn phonics. We will be working on our handwriting and presentation skills. Through a range of texts your child will be learning different writing styles and applying their skills to write short narratives, diary entries, setting descriptions and non-chronological reports.



Mathematics

Our topic upon returning to school this half-term continues to be multiplication and division. Children will solve problems by grouping and sharing amounts. They will also be reciting their 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

The next unit of work introduces fractions. Children will be finding fraction a given shape and number. Children will be comparing fractions as well as problem solving with fractions.

Help at home by encouraging your child to recite their times tables.

Dates for your diary . . .

Gymnastics Event 21st February
Skip2Bfit 28th February
World Book Day 7th March
Dodgeball Competition 20th March
Dance Show 21st March

Computing

This half-term we develop children's understanding of instructions in sequences and the use of logical reasoning to predict outcomes. Children will use given commands in different orders to investigate how the order affects the outcome. They will also learn about design in programming. They will develop artwork and test it for use in a program. They will design algorithms and then test those algorithms as programs and debug them.

PSHE (Jigsaw)

This half-term our Jigsaw topic is Healthy Me. The children will learn about the various ways we must keep ourselves healthy. They will be thinking about exercise, healthy food, getting enough sleep, keeping clean and understanding how to stay safe by knowing who their 'safe' adults are.

Help at home by talking to your child about the foods they are eating and how it is important to make healthy choices. Encourage your child to notice when they are exercising and how it makes them feel.

Music

We will continue learning to play the glockenspiel to a backing track as well as playing non-tuned percussion to the pulse. As well as continuing to sing lots of new songs we will begin to learn some two-part songs as a challenge!

Sing as much as you can with your child at home – songs are a great way to learn new words, understand melody and to have fun.



History

This half term we will be learning about the Victorian Era. We will start the unit with a timeline identifying key events from Victorian times. We will read and research facts about Queen Victoria and complete fact files. Children will begin to understand what life might have been like for them if they lived in the Victorian times. They will have great fun being involved in a 'Day in the life of a Victorian Child' where they will take part in a range of activities, investigate artefacts and try on some costumes. We will also create artwork in the style of LS Lowry.

Science

This half-term, children will be learning about the importance of keeping healthy. They will learn about the different food groups and the importance of sleep and exercise.

They will take part in many investigations and work scientifically.



Please remember the daily essentials:



Your child's book bag containing their reading record and any books they currently have.



A water bottle – please do not put juice in your child's bottle, only water.



A coat is essential as well as your child's jumper or cardigan. Please ensure your child's name is written in all their belongings.



PE Kits must be brought to school <u>every Monday</u> and will remain in school until the end of the week. Your child should have a plain white t-shirt and black shorts.



Don't forget to share any of your child's home learning or amazing achievements on our Seesaw platform- we love getting updates.

