



Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring Term- January-M



Dear Parents/ Carers

I hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and the children are all well rested and ready for a very busy Spring Term. We have some very exciting topics planned and I can't wait to get started with the children. Our topic for this term is going to be Magnificent Monarchs.

Literacy

To start the Spring Term we will be looking at our first Write Stuff Unit which is all about Big Cats. The children will be writing a non-chronological report based on this. We will then complete another non-fiction unit writing instructions for how to make a bird feeder. We will finish the term writing a story based on the book The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark.

Maths

We will be beginning the term by looking at the topic of Money including pounds and pence. We will then move onto a long topic of Multiplication and Division including problem solving using formal methods. We will then end the term with the topics of Length and Height and then Mass, Capacity and Temperature.

Science

In Science we will be looking at the topic of Animal Habitats this term.

Geography/History/Art/DT/Music/Computing

Our topic for this term is Magnificent Monarchs.

In History we will look at significant Monarchs through History and why they were significant including King Henry VIII, Queen Victoria and Elizabeth I and II. We will learn about some of the Royal residences as well as the countries the King is still Monarch of today.

In DT we will be looking at 2 units. One of these is called Push and Pull which will involve the children making a card with a push up part. They will learn about levers and mechanisms.

The second DT unit is called Cut Stitch and Join where they will learn about different stitches and embellishments before making their own sewn bag tag.

In Art we will be looking at the unit of Portraits and Poses and creating some of our own Portraits in the styles of Kings and Queens of the past.

In Music we will continue with our Charanga music programme. Our first unit in Spring 1 is called 'I wanna play in a band' which has a rock music theme. In Spring 2 our song will be 'Zootime' which has a reggae theme!

In Computing we will be looking at Robot Algorithms in Spring 1 and looking at Data including Pictograms in Spring 2.

RE

In RE our topic is going to be 'Who is a Jew and what do they believe?'

Swimming

We will begin swimming on Tuesday 30th January and this will be every Tuesday until the Easter Holidays.

PE

Mr Ellis will continue to work with us this year and will be in every Monday. The children will need to wear PE kit to school on a **Monday**. Please dress them appropriately for the weather. We will start the year off by doing Gymnastics in the hall followed by Multi Skills. Mr Ellis will continue to be outside as much as possible so please make sure your child has warm clothes on a Monday.

PSHCE

Our PSHCE topics for this term are 'Health and Wellbeing' and 'Economic Wellbeing.'

Homework

The children will receive homework **every Friday** which must be handed in by the following **Thursday**. They will receive one piece of maths homework every week. They may also receive topic based homework from time to time. The children will get spellings in their spelling books on a **Friday** that we expect them to practise for a test on the following Friday.

Reading at home

In Year 2 we request that children read at home a minimum of 3 times per week. Your child's reading record should be signed and dated so we know they have done this. This may be a full book or a few pages as long as they are reading something. I have a rewards system in place in class for those that read regularly at home so it would be great to have your support in this too as reading is so important. Children have the chance of earning a dojo if they read 3 or more times at home in a week.

TA support

Mrs Jackson will continue to work with Year 2 on a morning.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to send me a message via dojo or make an appointment via the school office if you wish to speak over the phone.

Many thanks in advance for your support in the term ahead!

Mrs Habberley, Mr Tanner and Mrs Jackson