

Year Two Termly Newsletter

Autumn Term 2019



This term is all about 'Ourselves'. We will be learning about who we are, where we live and how to be healthy.

English

We are going to be listening to and reading stories based on familiar settings. We will be researching people and events from history and writing recounts and non-chronological reports. In spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPAG) lessons, we will learn the meaning and use of vocabulary such as noun, adjective, adverb and suffix. There will be regular phonics lessons, cursive handwriting and guided reading sessions.



Activities to help your child at home:

- Read regularly at home, little and often is best.
- When sharing stories, encourage discussion, including prediction and describe characters and settings.
- When practising spellings, encourage look, cover, write, check.
- When writing, form letters starting on the line using cursive letters.

Mathematics

We will be counting, ordering and comparing numbers to 100. We will count in steps of 2, 3 and 5 starting from 0 and in 10s from any number forward and backward. We will learn the place value of each digit in a two-digit number. We will use knowledge of addition and subtraction facts to 20 in order to derive and use related facts up to 100. The inverse relationship between addition and subtraction will be explored and used to check calculations and solve missing number problems. We will choose and use appropriate standard units to estimate and measure. Simple graphs will be interpreted and constructed. Multiplication and division facts will be learned for the 2 times tables and will be applied to problem solving.

Activities to help your child at home:

- Learn the 2 times table and corresponding division facts.
- Tell the time to half and quarter hour.



Creative Curriculum

- As part of our Geography, we look more closely at where we live and incorporate learning around the countries in the United Kingdom and the seven continents.
- In History, we will be learning about Florence Nightingale and linked to this will be some learning around First Aid as well as how to be healthy and look after ourselves.
- We will be looking more closely at the Raeburn Values and will be learning about Owls.
- In Science, we will be learning about the life cycle of animals and the uses of everyday materials.
- The children will learn about Hinduism in RE lessons including the festival of Diwali, and then later on in the term the Jewish festival of Hannuka, followed by the story of Christmas.
- In Music, long and short sounds will be explored through use of the voice, hands and percussion instruments.
- Each of our creative topics includes elements of Art/DT and ICT to enhance learning and develop these skills.
- Throughout the term we will be enjoying PE twice a week.
- In computing, the children will be learning about E-Safety and Algorithms.



Additional Information

- Year two children will be having some First Aid training and we're hoping to have a visit from an owl at the end of term—watch this space!
- We will also be visiting the Methodist Church to participate in 'A Journey to Bethlehem'.
- Homework will include spelling, reading and times tables.
- Please ensure children bring in their book bags daily.

Thinking and Learning skills:



In the Autumn term, the children learn about what a 'Growth Mindset' is and how they can become resilient learners.

We encourage the children to use the phrase 'I can't do it YET' showing a positive attitude to learning

