

Year 2
Newsletter
6th January 2020

Happy New Year and welcome back. I hope you have all had a rest and are ready for our new term.

It was lovely to see all the children smiling and excited to come in to tell us all their stories from the Christmas and what they got from Santa. We now have a challenge area in our classroom where children can immerse themselves in the Topic and investigate how high they can jump or which ball has the highest bounce. This area allows children to continue learning and deepen their understanding from our lessons.

Any questions please don't hesitate to come and see me.

Miss Daum

Maths

This half term, we will be looking at money; what coins and notes we have in British money, making totals and how to work out change. We will also be looking at fractions, working out a half, quarters and thirds of shapes and numbers, length and height, looking at what we measure in and measuring lots of different objects and people. We will be finishing off the half term by recapping different methods we know to add and subtract and using these to solve problems.



This half term our theme is 'Bounce'. We will be investigating using different balls, finding out about the famous footballer Pele and creating our cars to race.

In English this half term we writing information pages based on a famous person to do with sport. We will also be using the text 'The Frog Prince' to write a narrative based on a special parcel we will find and ending the half term writing our own shape poems.

In our History lessons, we will be looking at Pele, his life history and how he became so famous. From this we will be using our information we have found out to create posters and fact books about him.

In Science we will be doing lots investigations. We will start by finding out which ball bounces the highest, what happens to bubbles on a windy day and who can jump higher than an animal. After this the children will be working in teams to create their own science investigation starting with posing a question. Then making a prediction before finally collecting results and evaluating their findings.

In our Art & Design technology sessions we will be looking at the artist Jackson Pollock and using his style to create our own artwork. In DT we will be working out how to make balloon cars, designing and racing them.

Indoor PE this half term is gymnastics. We will be using balls to create a routine.

In outdoor PE will be continuing to look at improving our skills of running, jumping, kicking, throwing and catching and how we can apply these into different games.

Dates for the diary:

Hudson Family lunch– 27th Jan
Speed stacking competition – 4th Feb
Safer Internet Day – 11th Feb
FOPs Disco – 12th Feb
Half term begins – 17th Feb



Help needed!

We will be making our own racing cars at the end of January. For this we will need lots of plastic bottle lids. If you have any we would be really grateful for them in school. Thanks in advance.

Some KS1 Classroom routines & reminders:

Reading planners will be checked on a Monday morning to complete reading reward bookmarks. If a child needs to **change their reading book** they need to let an adult know and they can change it as and when they need.

Home learning will be marked on a **Friday** and set for the week ahead on a Friday. If there is a note that you would like me to read and respond to, please ask your child to put their book in the box. I will then aim to try and respond to the note the same day.

Spellings will be set on a Friday and **spelling tests will take place on the following Friday**.

Mrs Belle-Fortune will teach the class on a Friday morning.

Please ensure children have a **water bottle** in school.

Our **P.E. days are Wednesday and Thursday**. Wednesday P.E. will usually be outside (weather permitting). Please ensure a kit is in school on these days.