

**Year 2
Newsletter
11th January 2019**

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas break and it has been lovely hearing all of the children's news from over the holidays.

There are lots of exciting things to be looking forward to this half term with an interesting new topic, some different curriculum learning days, school events and a celebration assembly to round off the half term!

Mrs Green will be teaching Year 2 on a Tuesday and a Thursday and myself on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

I look forward to seeing you over the next few weeks at the various events we have coming up.

Miss O'Hare

Maths

This half term, we will continue to work on our understanding of written methods for the four main operations and applying the methods and skills to the context of money and measure. Thursday maths sessions will focus on developing mental maths skills and times tables to support children in their Superhero Times Table Challenge!



R.E.

This half term, we are going to be thinking about 'What do the parables teach us?' We will be learning about some of the parables and thinking about how the parables can influence our own day-to-day lives.



This half term our theme is 'Bounce'. This theme focuses on science and P.E. and has links throughout all other areas of the curriculum.



Within our English lessons, we will begin by focusing on non-fiction books and move on to look at instructional writing. Following this we will work on narratives, beginning this work with a look at the traditional tale of 'The Frog Prince'. Finally, we will focus on poetry; reading lots of good examples and then creating some of our own.

In science, we will be learning about physical exercise and thinking about the affect this has on our bodies. We will also be thinking about ways in which we can move and linking this with our learning in P.E. We will begin to think about how we can monitor and record scientifically by measuring our pulse.

In our art & design technology sessions we will begin by focusing on the artist Jackson Pollock and using balls to create large and interesting pieces of abstract art of our own. We are also going to learn about making things move and make a balloon-powered car!

Also, during our Dance (P.E.) lessons we will be taking inspiration from Rhythmic gymnastics to create our own routines with balls and ribbons. We will then work in groups to create our own exercise class for you to join us for (more information to follow)! In our outdoor P.E. sessions we are going to learning football skills.

Music

I am very pleased to inform you that Year 2 will begin weekly music sessions with Cambridgeshire Music service on a Friday afternoon for the rest of the school year. They will have 10 weeks of singing followed by 10 weeks of learning the recorder. What a brilliant opportunity!

Dates for the diary:

Week beg 14th January – Clubs begin
Mon 14th January – Pantomime visit (£5 to pay)
Thurs 17th Jan – Special lunch for children
Wed 30th Jan – Books Before Bed – 5.30-6.30pm in pyjamas for stories and hot chocolate before bed.
Thurs 31st Jan – **WREN** family lunch

Fri 1st February – Number day
Tues 5th Feb – Internet safety day
Fri 15th Feb – Year 1 and 2 celebration
Fri 15th February - END OF TERM



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**, their book and planner needs to be placed in the blue tray.

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 blue tray. I will then aim to respond to the note the same day.

Spellings will be set on a Friday and **spelling tests will take place on a Friday. Times tables** challenge will take place **alternate weeks on a Thursday.**

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

Our **P.E. days have changed to Tuesday and Thursday.** Tuesday P.E. will usually be outside (weather permitting). Please ensure children have joggers for the cold weather. Just a reminder our school uniform is black shoes rather than boots.

Exciting announcement