



Year 2 Newsletter

Autumn 2
2019

News

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed your half term holidays. The children worked very hard in the last term and are rapidly acquiring all the skills they need to progress in year 2. We have some exciting enrichment opportunities planned for the children to enhance their learning journey.

Literacy

In Literacy we will begin the term with the story Snow White in New York. Children will be writing setting and character descriptions. We will have an exciting 1920s dress-up day to learn all about the lifestyle of the characters in the story. Children will enjoy games, art and even learn a Charleston dance to some 1920's music!

After our fun in the 1920s, children will be using descriptive language to create their own poems. We will be looking at different features of poetry such as onomatopoeia, repetition, alliterations, rhyme. We will be focussing on a poem by Jack Prelutsky.

Science

This half term our topic will be 'Shaping Up' which is about materials, how we use them and how to re-use them. Children will be using different scientific vocabulary to describe the properties of materials. You can support your child by helping them to recognise what different materials there are around your house, and recycling them to make different objects. The knowledge organisers for this topic are on our website.

Computing

This term we will be learning about programming and coding. Children will be using Espresso to understand algorithms, and how they are implemented as programs. They will be using this to program different characters to move in different ways.

Art

In art this term we will be learning about colour with a focus on the birds of paradise. We will use watercolours to paint a range of birds. We will learn how to alter the paints to make colours that replicate the birds feathers.

Geography

This term we will be learning about Jamaica and how it compares to England. Children will have a chance to learn about the cultures, how their lives as children compare to the lives of children in Jamaica and even taste some Jamaican food! If you are able to come in to help with cooking some simple Jamaican dishes, please speak to your child's class teacher. Children will be using aerial photographs to recognize landmarks and basic human and physical features.

Music

Children will learn songs, play instruments and learning about musical terms such as beat, rhythm, pitch, high and low.

PSHE

Children will learn to understand that sometimes people make assumptions about boys and girls (stereotypes). They will learn about bullying and how this can make someone feel. By the end of the topic children will be able to identify some ways in which they are different from one another and how our differences make us special and unique.

Maths

We will be beginning the term with addition of one and two-digit numbers. Children will use pictures, objects and number lines to help them. They will also be using their numbers bonds to 10 and 20 to help them. After that, children will be multiplying and dividing using arrays. Children will also be working daily on their fluency of halving, doubling and number bonds.

In year 2, children will need to learn their **2, 3, 5 and 10 multiplications**. They need to recall these at speed and learn the division facts to go with them. Please support your child to learn these times tables. Education City is a useful website to support with this: <https://www.educationcity.com/learn-your-times-tables-with-educationcity/>

P.E

In P.E. children will be focussing on balance and agility. They will be participating in activities using mirror games, balancing activities and peer group challenges. Children will be encouraged to use their social skills to aid them in group tasks.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to make an appointment with your child's teacher.

Thank you

Miss Chaudhry 2W

Miss Chowdhury 2P

Miss Khan 2S

and Miss MacIvor 2F



Year 2 Topic Home Learning Autumn 2

Please choose at least one of the challenges to complete.



PSHE

In PSHE, we will be looking at anti-bullying as it is Anti-bullying week during 11th November to 15th November. Make an anti-bullying poster to show why we should not bully and what we can do if we know someone who is being bullied.

**Is your poster colourful?
Does it have all of the important information on it?**



Geography

Look up Jamaica on a world map and identify the capital city, surrounding oceans and which continent it is in.



Research the flag, culture and things the country is famous for. Identify the differences between Jamaica and England.

- What is similar between the two countries?**
- What is different between the two countries?**
- What colour is the Jamaican flag?**
- What do the colours represent?**
- Have you ever visited Jamaica?**
- Write a recount of your visit.**



Art

Research different birds of paradise. Choose one to sketch then colour using the techniques you have learned in class to help you.



You could use paint, colouring pencils, felt tips or oil pastels to use colour.

Can you mix your colours?

Name some secondary colours.

What colours can you mix to make secondary colours?



Compulsory Homework

Each Friday your child will be given year 2 spellings which they need to practise and learn for a test every Friday. Children will be given English and Maths homework on Thursdays. This is due back on Tuesdays. They will be given a CGP Homework book from which they will be expected to complete specific pages.