

Year 2 Newsletter

Summer 2019

English

This term, we will be writing an overcoming the monster narrative. Children will learn the structure of this type of story through our Talk4Writing approach and will then apply what they have learnt to their own narratives. We will also be looking at recounts and instruction texts. We will be revising how to use different types of sentences and will be developing the punctuation and vocabulary we use in our writing.

We will continue to have daily SPaG sessions, which will focus on: spelling patterns and rules, use of punctuation and how to write sentences that are grammatically correct.

Reading takes place every day so please ensure that reading books and records are always in school.

Mathematics

In Maths this term, children will be learning to:

- choose the right units to measure length, height, mass, temperature or capacity
- order mathematical objects in patterns and sequences
- use mathematical vocabulary to describe position, direction and movement.

Children will also be revising the following areas:

- recognising and using symbols for pounds (£) and pence (p)
- combining amounts to make a particular value
- finding different combinations of coins that equal the same amounts of money

Children will be provided with opportunities to improve their fluency skills as well as their ability to problem solve and reason.

Our number bonds and multiplication clubs now take place on a Thursday. Please continue to ensure that children are learning these facts as part of their daily home learning tasks.

Dates for your diary

Family Learning

Tuesday 21st May – Amazing Art Day

Wyre Forest Visit:

Wednesday 5th June

Warwick Castle Trip:

Monday 24th June

Home Learning Project due in:

Tuesday 2nd July

Home Learning Project

This term, we would like the children to work collaboratively with their family to create a castle using whatever medium they prefer! Please be as creative as you like. My only request is that they are not too big as we have limited display space. Projects will be due in **Tuesday 2nd July.**

Topic

Our theme this term is 'Medieval Mayhem!' As you may have guessed from the home learning project, we will be learning about life in medieval times, including castle life and how to train to be a knight.

Our theme will encompass many other curriculum areas, including: Art, D&T, Geography, History, Computing, Music, and PSHE.

In Art, the children will be exploring Medieval Tapestries and will be using materials to create their very own Bayeux Tapestry!

Our History work will be focused on castles and life in medieval times. We will compare life in the past with life now.

In Geography, we will be looking at aerial images and learning how to draw simple maps. We will also locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the UK.



P.E.

P.E. will continue to take place on a Thursday. Please ensure long hair is tied back and, if children wear earrings, that they can take them out themselves in readiness for the lesson.

For the first half term the children will develop their basic athletic skills such as throwing, running and jumping.

After half term the children will develop striking and fielding skills and participate in games.

Music

The children will learn and sing a variety of songs related to our topic, and will focus on creating a mixture of different sounds and rhythmic phases. They will be using symbols to help with composition and help them with performance.

R.E.

We shall be learning about the beliefs that Muslims and Sikhs have. We will compare the two religions and link them to our previous learning on Christianity.

Finally, I would like to thank you for all of your support so far this year. I am very much looking forward to this busy and exciting term with Year 2.

If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me,

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Science

In science this term we shall be finding out about plants. We will look at how we use plants and carry out experiments which allow us to make observations about seeds and bulbs.

We will also look at lifecycles and how animals and plants grow and develop.

Computing

In computing this term, children will be learning about the function of an email. They will find out how to send and receive them. Children will continue to develop their understanding of E-safety.

P.S.H.E

As well as learning how to keep physically safe, with a focus on sun safety, children will be developing their understanding of democracy. They will be sharing their opinions and explaining their views, whilst respectfully listening to others.

Home Learning

Please support your child at home by listening to them read and also reading to them. Please ensure the school reading records are signed to indicate that this has taken place so that books can be changed. Please also ensure that you are supporting them to learn their spellings and helping them with their multiplication tables. Daily DoodleMaths practice is important to develop a range of maths skills.