

Literacy:

This term in literacy our main focus will be on stories, we will be looking at a range of stories with under the sea settings. We will be focusing on the concepts of stories such as beginning, middle and end. We will also be looking at the conventions of sentences and working a lot on punctuation. It is very important that your child understands and uses capital letters and full stops in sentences correctly. We are also beginning to look at question marks, exclamation marks and commas in lists.



We believe that if a child can not say a sentence clearly and accurately they will not be able to record it, therefore we will be doing a large number of speaking and listening activities. Throughout the term we will also be looking at instructions, information texts, poetry and traditional tales with a twist.

Reading and phonics:

Reading and phonics are high on our agenda this year. We will be focusing closely on the different spelling patterns your child has for their weekly spellings as well as revisiting different phonic families. Children should use their phonetic knowledge to read and then apply this to their writing too. Year 2 children will take part in the phonics screening test that usually takes part in Year 1. They will be expected to read real and alien (made up) words using their phonetical knowledge, so it is very important that they continue with their daily reading.

Your child will also continue to read individually twice a week. Please make sure you sign your child's reading record with the page number each time you read.

Classroom Organisation:

PE - 2HT Tuesday and Friday

Library- Thursday

Homework- Homework is sent out on a Thursday or Friday to be handed in by the following Tuesday. Please complete any writing in pen and mathematics or drawing in pencil.

Spellings- Spellings are tested every Wednesday and the book will be sent home on Friday for you to see how your child has done. Please work with them on any incorrect words when they are sent home.

Water bottle- Please make sure your child brings their water bottle each day with their name clearly labelled.

Autumn Term in 2HT

Our new topic this term is Down in the Deep.

Maths:

Our main focus in maths this term will be number and place value. It is important for your child to understand numbers and their value.



We will be looking at counting in steps of 1, 2, 5 and 10 both forwards and backwards and recognising the counting pattern. We have noticed that children are struggling with counting backwards so please help them to practise at home.

We will learn new calculation strategies for both addition and subtraction and how these can be applied to problem solving.

It is important that your child is able to explain how they worked out their answers using the correct mathematical vocabulary, so we will be doing a lot of discussion in this area. It is vital that your child knows their number families to 20 and can recognise relationships between numbers.

Top Tips:

- Before starting a new reading book, discuss what type of book you think it is and how you know. Use the language fiction (story) and non fiction (information). Discussion is the key to understanding in year 2! Please do not rush through the books and spend longer talking about them with your child.
- Count forwards and backwards in steps of 1, 2, 5, 10.
- Count the small change in your purse. Encourage your child to count the coins carefully thinking about the different values.
- Put the spelling words in clear sentences ensuring that your child uses a capital letter and a full stop.

Other Areas of the Curriculum:



Science - We will be learning about animals and their habitats, particularly those which live in the ocean. Children will also be taking part in scientific investigations to ask and answer questions about floating and sinking.



Geography - In geography we will be learning about the four countries of the United Kingdom, in particular the capital city of London. We are also focusing on the local environment around the school.



History - In history we will be learning about significant individuals including Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale.



Art - In art we will be looking at different sculptures and the sculptor Anthony Gormley. We will be creating our very own sculptures!



Computing- In computing we will be getting familiar with the computer keyboard, learning to save and open files as well as e-safety.



RE - In RE we will be thinking about Islam and what Muslims believe. We will think about how these beliefs link to our school values.



Music - In music we will be learning to sing songs expressively and perform songs with actions. We will learn and use different instruments.



HRE - In HRE we will be learning about keeping our bodies safe both inside and out. We will discuss water safety, fire safety, safety in the home and what makes us feel safe inside.



Our class charity is NSPCC. We will be discussing the importance of charity this half

If you need to see your child's class teacher please arrange a time after school. It is very difficult to see us before school as it is vital we start the school day promptly. You can also use the reading record as a means of communication.