



Year 2 Spring Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the Christmas break. We hope you had a lovely time. We would like to take this opportunity to let you know what is happening in this half term.

Curriculum

In English, we will be looking at some Julia Donaldson stories and then we will be looking forward to starting work on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. This will continue into next half term too. In Maths, we will continue working on mental strategies, as well as introducing multiplication and division. We will also work more on telling the time. It would really help your child if you could talk to them about telling the time at home. During the afternoons, they will learn about 'Materials' in Science for the whole term. Art lessons will focus on drawing and painting techniques using the famous artist L.S. Lowry as an inspiration. In our topic lessons, we will look at where chocolate comes from in Ecuador. We will compare Ecuador with our local area.

During the second half term, the children will learn about different climates through topic lessons. In Art and DT, we are hoping to include some cooking based on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory! Maths lessons will focus more on addition and subtraction of money, as well as shape. It would really help your child if you could talk to them about different coins and small amounts of money in real-life contexts, such as pocket money or when you are at the shops.

Reading

Thank you for helping your child with their reading in the autumn term. Regular practice makes such a big difference to their confidence and ability to recognise words from sight. Many children have been collecting lots of raffle tickets each week and we have had four lucky winners of our half-termly raffle, each winning a book!

Across the school, we are continuing to have a reading club on Friday lunchtimes for children who have not managed to read three times at home in a week.

The children are continuing with daily guided reading lessons. They may swap classes for some sessions on some days. They will always be heard by an adult every week and are continually assessed to help them progress further.

RE/PSHE

During the first spring half term, the children will explore special places, focusing in particular on the significance of going to church for Christians. We are hoping to take them on a visit to St Mary's later on in the half term. After half term they will learn more about Easter. In PSHE lessons, the children will focus on 'Diversity'.

PE

Please continue to send your child with their named PE kit every day. They may have some lessons outside so please put a tracksuit in with their kits so that they stay warm. They need plimsolls or trainers for all PE lessons.

Home Learning

We were very impressed with the children's home learning efforts in the autumn term so thank you for your input with this! Home learning and maths challenges continue as normal.

Please feel free to see any of us after school if you have any questions. If you would like to talk to us privately, please arrange an appointment at the office.

Kind regards,

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