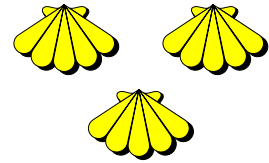


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Spring Newsletter

Year 2 - Yellow Class

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a restful and enjoyable Christmas. Here is an outline of the areas we will be covering in Year 2 this term:

In **English**, we will be looking at stories with repetitive language and different stories by the author 'Timothy Knapman'. Through these units we will be comparing and discussing what we have read and using similar writing frames to create stories of our own. We will be learning how to write non-chronological reports and will apply this to our learning in other curriculum areas. We will be exploring poetry - reading, writing, and sharing opinions about the poems we have heard.

In their **Reading** the children will be taught to read with expression and discuss what they have read, including making simple predictions. There will be a strong focus on interpreting meaning from text, authors' word choices, text layout and characters' thoughts and actions. It is important that the children have a good understanding of the stories they read, not just focusing on reading the words so please try and encourage your child to talk about their books at home - thinking about how characters might be feeling or why they might have acted in a particular way, what might happen next in the story, etc. Reading is a vital part of learning in all curriculum areas, and it is essential that the children read at least 5 times a week at home. We appreciate your continued support with this.

Spelling will continue to be taught weekly. Please note children will be tested on their 'Common Exception Words' half termly. This, along with their general spelling ability, is used as evidence to decide if they are meeting curriculum expectations.

In **Maths** the children will continue to follow the White Rose scheme of learning. The focus areas for the forthcoming term are Money: Multiplication and Division: and Measurement which includes exploring the different units used to measure length, height, mass, capacity, and temperature. The Money focus learning will include counting money, selecting notes and coins to make an amount, comparing amounts, calculating with money, and finding change. In Multiplication and Division, the children will study making and adding equal groups, using the correct mathematical symbols to complete number sentences, and doubling and halving. The 2s, 5s and 10s timetables will underpin much of the children's learning in this topic. In Measurement, the children will learn about the various units through activities that include measuring, comparing, ordering, and learning to apply skills learnt in our number work to solve simple word problems. All maths learning will be



utilising and reinforcing previous place value, addition and subtraction work including counting methods using 2s, 5s and 10s to count quickly and efficiently.

In **Science** the children will be looking at 'Living things and their habitats'. Learning will include the children exploring the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive. In **History**, the children will study the town of Felixstowe focusing on significant historical events and people. In **Geography**, we will be studying the Yanomami tribe of the Amazon rainforest. In **Art**, the children will be exploring 'Life in Colour' and will experiment with colour mixing and texture and combining these to create collages.

In **RE** initially the children will be learning about Judaism and exploring why the Torah is important for the Jewish community. After half-term, learning will include investigating some symbols used to reflect the resurrection at Easter. The children will be encouraged to share their experiences related to the topics and develop their understanding of the Jewish and Christian faiths.

In **PE** this half term the children will be studying Dance and then Racket, Bats and Ball Skills. PE will be on a **Monday and Thursday**. Please ensure your child has the correct kit in school and **that all items are clearly labelled**. The children will be working outside as much as possible so please ensure they have navy jogging bottoms and jumper in their kit as well. If your child wears tights to school, please make sure that they have spare socks in their PE bag. Long hair should always be tied up during the school day and it is best not to send children in with earrings on PE days.

Until the end of Year 2 a fruit or vegetable snack is provided daily for your child. They will also need to bring a water bottle daily that should contain water only for throughout the day. Please double check that all uniform is clearly labelled, particularly jumpers and cardigans ensuring that the name is readable.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any concerns but please be aware that an appointment through the office may be necessary for longer issues.

Thank you for your continued support. I am looking forward to another busy but fun and exciting term.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Giblin
Yellow Class Teacher

