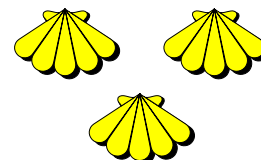


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Autumn Newsletter

Year 2 - Yellow Class

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Year 2. I am really looking forward to working with you and your children this year. Here is a brief outline of the main topics we will be covering this term.

Reading is an important part of your child's learning and it is essential that they read **daily at home for at least 10 minutes**. Please take the time to talk to your child about what they have read - comprehension is as important as identifying the words themselves. Some helpful questions to ask can be found inside the front cover of your child's reading journal. In school, the children will read twice a week with an adult through guided reading. During this time they will work on various reading and comprehension skills.

In English we will look at traditional tales, poetry and writing instructions. We will recap on the structure of a story and will look more closely at how events are linked together. The children will then use what they have learnt to plan, tell and write stories of their own. When looking at poetry, the children will be encouraged to express their opinions and will explore alliteration and poetry patterns. They will use simple poetry patterns to create their own poems and explore simple calligrams.

In our non-fiction unit on writing instructions the children will learn about the important features of this type of text. They will then apply their knowledge to other areas of the curriculum when writing their own instructions for a purpose. The children will continue to develop their knowledge of phonics and will move on to learning about spelling rules and patterns. They will bring home weekly spellings which will include a few words that they are spelling incorrectly in their written work in class. Please be aware that this they may mean that they will receive spellings they have previously learnt. The children will also be continuing to develop their handwriting skills.

In the first week we will be looking at the story Silly Billy by Anthony Browne. This provides an introduction to our PSHE work, encouraging the children to be open about their worries and share them with others. We look forward to having an author share their book with us in October and doing some activities related to Roald Dahl Day.

In Maths the children will develop their number skills by counting in steps of 2, 5, and 10. They will explore mathematical language such as more, less, greater and smaller than and use these when talking about numbers and explaining their work. When exploring number bonds, the children will be encouraged to recall facts quickly and apply this knowledge when working with larger numbers. Through practical activities the children



will be developing their understanding of number and number patterns and will move on to applying this to simple addition and subtraction tasks. Alongside this the children will continue to develop their mental maths skills, looking for quicker and more effective ways to solve questions in their head.

In Science we will be learning about plants and animals. The children will use our school environment to explore different living things and learn more about them. Through simple investigations they will develop their scientific skills - making predictions, following instructions and thinking about what they have learnt or what the results tell them. They will learn to record their results in a variety of ways and will develop their understanding of the importance of a fair test.

In RE we will be learning about signs and symbols, identifying the meaning of those around us and why we have them. We will explore how signs and symbols are using in Christianity and the Muslim faith. After half term we will be looking at different festivals and thinking about the true meaning of Christmas.

In History we will be learning about World War I with a particular focus on Remembrance Day. The children will gain a better understanding of the symbol of the poppy and will use different sources to find out information, comparing life in the past to their lives today.

Our topic in ICT is 'Getting Creative'. This links closely with our work in Art. The children will explore how ICT can be used to communicate meaning through words, still pictures and animation. They will learn to use different tools to create different effects and will save and retrieve their work.

Our work in Art this term links closely with our work in Science and ICT. The children will develop their observational drawing skills and use different media to paint and print their sketches. They will learn to comment and suggest improvements to their work and will look at the work of some famous artists.

P.E. will be on **Mondays and Wednesdays**. Please ensure that your child has the correct kit in school on these days, girls may wear skorts if they wish. The children will go outside whenever possible for PE so it would be advisable to ensure your child has plain dark blue jogging bottoms and/or a plain dark blue sweatshirt to wear. For safety reasons, long hair **must** be tied back and earrings removed. Items of clothing are often lost or mislaid when changing for PE. We would therefore be grateful if you could regularly check all of your child's clothing (school uniform and PE items) to make sure their name is clearly marked.

We will also be having a visit from a GB athlete and have a chance to do a sponsored activity. We will also have a fruit workshop organised by Herts Catering during the term.

Mrs Hundley will be taking Yellow class for Music on a Wednesday afternoon.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any concerns. The end of the day is usually the best time but please be aware that an appointment through the office may be necessary for longer issues.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Monk
Class Teacher

