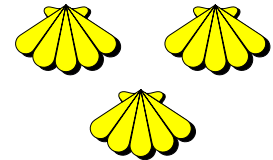


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Spring Term 2019 - Yellow class

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas.

Here is a brief 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 same 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 about animals and will apply this to our learning in other curriculum areas such as Science. We will be exploring poetry - reading, writing and sharing opinions about the poems we have heard. On the 8th February we will be going to the Festival of Literature at Bishop's Stortford College, more details to follow.

In Reading the children will be taught to read with expression and encouraged to discuss what they have read, including making simple predictions and judgements. 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 rather than solely 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. This will really prepare them for their Reading SATs. Reading is a vital part of learning in all of the curriculum areas and it is essential that all of the **children read at least 5 times a week** at home. Please remember that the children can read on Bug Club and this can be recorded in their reading record as well. We appreciate your continued support with this.

Spellings rules will continue to be sent home weekly. Please try to support your child with their spellings every week, reminding them of previous rules and ensuring their presentation is thought about. Remember to access their 'Year 2 Common Exception words' that were handed out at parents evening.

In Maths we will continue to look at place value and developing our knowledge and understanding when working with the four basic operations through a variety of mathematical topics. We will look at different measures such as length, mass and temperature and will learn to apply skills learnt in



our number work to solve simple problems. The children will explore a variety of picture graphs - learning to interpret, analyse and construct graphs of their own across a range of curriculum subjects. Through our topic on money we will revisit our learning on place value as well as addition and subtraction. The children will learn to make amounts in different ways, showing values in £'s and pence. They will be reinforcing previous counting methods using 2s, 5s and 10s to count quickly and efficiently. They will be required to show equal amounts of money, using different coins and learn how to exchange money, including finding change.

In Science we will be looking at animals and their habitats and will explore the basic needs of all creatures, including the importance of food and exercise. In History, the children will gain a better understanding of what it means to be famous and look into how things have changed over time. They will explore some famous people from history such as Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole and find out how they helped to improve things for us today. In Geography we will be exploring the features of our own locality and will compare these to other places around the world. Our art work this term will also focus around the famous artist Henri Matisse and the children will explore different collage techniques and skills to recreate famous pictures. In RE we will be learning about 'Special Places' and 'Easter'. The children will be encouraged to share their experiences related to the topics and develop their understanding of the Christian faith. P.E. will be on **Tuesday and Thursday** each week. P.E. kit is dark blue T-shirt and shorts/skorts and trainers or plimsolls. Please ensure that your child also has dark blue jogging bottoms and top as they will be working outside as much as possible. If your child wears tights to school, please make sure that they have spare socks in their PE bag. It is important that the children have their PE kit in school from the beginning of the term and that all items are labelled clearly so that we can easily return them if they get lost. Please remember that long hair should be tied up at school and it would be advisable that earrings are not worn to school on PE days. **Homework** will now be given out on a **Thursday** and collected in on a **Tuesday**.

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 discussions.

I look forward to working with you all this term!
Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Keep and Mrs Watson
Class Teachers

