



Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2018

## Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Welcome back and we hope you had an enjoyable break! This letter is to keep you informed about the work children will be doing in our busy Spring term.

### Theme - Toys

This term we will be sharing, playing and exploring their favourite toys. The children will have the opportunity to visit a toy museum and will be studying how toys have changed overtime. They will also be looking at where toys come from and how much they cost as well as exploring both moving and pop up toys.



### English

English work this term focuses on:

- Traditional tales
- Re-telling stories
- Information text
- Character descriptions
- Recounts
- Poetry



Within this written work, the focus will be on taking the children's writing forward by encouraging them to extend their vocabulary choices and use exciting adjectives to enhance their descriptions. They will also learn how to extend simple sentences by using conjunctions such as 'because', 'but' and 'so'. We shall continue to encourage the children's enthusiasm and independence when writing. They will be learning to spell with common spelling patterns and irregular High Frequency words.

### Mathematics

Maths lessons will include; counting up to 100 and beyond; counting on or back in ones, twos, threes, fives and tens from any number. We will also be focussing on place value, ordering numbers, addition and subtraction, including money problems, times tables for 10, 2, 5 & 3 and 2D and 3D shapes. We will also be solving problems and focusing on preparing for SATS. We will be doing weekly arithmetic sessions and practising different ways to answer the questions. The children will be taught written methods to help them work out answers.



### Religious Education - RE



This term the children will learn about being respectful and understanding towards different faiths and they will have a particular focus on Christian, Jewish and Muslim faiths.



### Easter- New Life

Children will learn how and why Christians celebrate Easter.



## Physical Education - PE

In PE this term's activities will focus on gymnastics and Dance skills. Can we please ask you to support this vital area of the curriculum by helping children to bring the correct changes of clothes to school on a Tuesday and Thursday for these sessions.

## Personal, Social and Health Education - PSHE

We will continue to use the Jigsaw scheme and our topics for this term will be 'Dreams & Goals' and 'Healthy Me'. The first topic we will be learning about is 'Dreams and Goals' and this will focus on children's personal goals and what they want to be when they are older. During Spring 2 we will learn about 'Healthy Me', where we will explore what different things keep us healthy and how we maintain this.



## Science

### **Taking Care and what's in your habitat?**

In Science, the children will be studying two units of work. Firstly, we will continue looking at 'Taking Care'. The children will learn about how to keep healthy, including food, hygiene and exercise. In the second half term, we will be learning all about 'What's in your habitat?'. During this topic we will explore the living thing, including plants and animals.

## Morning of Music

Year 2 will be joining Coventry's 'Morning of Music' concert. All participating schools will learn to sing a variety of songs and play musical instruments. Later in the term there will be an exciting morning workshop where children will meet up with other local schools for a collective performance.



## Homework



The 'POWER Project' will be given out every half term and will have open-ended activities relating to our creative curriculum theme. All children understand that the work should be completed to the same standard as they would do in class.

In addition, your child will continue to bring home spellings to learn.

Reading books will be sent home daily. All children should try and read at home at least three times per week - please could you record this in their reading diary.

It is important that reading books and diaries are in school every day so that adults in school can hear them read and change their book when necessary. Please can you focus on asking your children various comprehension questions about the text they are reading. As we will be having a huge emphasis on this in school too.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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Year 2 Class Teachers