



Year 2 Newsletter.

February 2022

Dear Parents,

We hope that you and your families have had an enjoyable half term break.

This newsletter will give you information about some of the things that your child will be learning about during this half term. We hope that you find it helpful but please do not hesitate to ask throughout the year if you ever have any concerns or questions.

Religion:

Our topic this half term is 'Lent to Easter.' We will focus on two main areas - the Stations of the Cross and the Passion of Jesus. We will recognise and describe the Stations of the Cross as a devotional practise associated with Lent. We will retell the events of the Entry into Jerusalem, the Last Supper, Good Friday and Easter Sunday from the Gospel of Luke.

Literacy

This half term we will be continuing to use the text *Beegu* by Alexis Deacon. This is a tale about an outer space character that becomes stranded on earth when her spaceship suddenly breaks down. Over the coming weeks we will look at ways to develop creative responses to the text through drama, poetry, storytelling and artwork. We will write in role in order to explore and develop empathy for characters. Towards the end of the term we will reveal our new class text called 'Lila and the Secret of Rain' by David Conway which we will support our new Geography topic, Sensational Safari.

Numeracy

For the first part of this half term we will be looking at division. We will look at making equal groups carefully so that we can divide by 2, 5 and 10. We will discover how our multiplication facts can help us do this! We will then move on to Fractions. The children will start to recognise, find, name and write different fractions. We will be looking at $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$. The children will also learn how to write simple fractions. For example: $\frac{1}{2}$ of 6 = 3.



Science:

We will continue with our topic Animals including Humans. We will identify a range of foods according to the basic food groups and talk about the importance of a balanced diet. We will focus on different ways of how to be hygienic and why this is important. We will begin to develop the concept of statistics in the form of tally charts, pictograms and block diagrams by carrying out investigations.

Geography:

We will be exploring our new topic 'Sensational Safari'. The children will be describing differences and similarities between the UK and Kenya. They will use their map skills to locate Kenya on a world map. They will also draw a map of Kenya and be able to locate the capital city and oceans. The children will begin to understand what some aspects of Kenyan life are like. We will make links to Art and create a sunset silhouette.

Outdoor PE - Games - Developing sending and receiving skills - In this unit children improve and apply their basic skills, in particular they focus on different ways of hitting and striking the ball. They play games that demand simple choices and decisions on how to use space to avoid opponents keep the ball and score points.

Indoor PE - Gymnastics Jumping and landing - In this unit they explore a variety of ways of balancing on different body parts both on the floor and using apparatus. They create sequences of at least four actions on the floor e.g. a roll, jump, travel and a balance with a start and finish shape and show control and co-ordination when balancing and linking movements.

Reminders:

Please continue to read with your child as often as you can at home. We ask the children to read a few pages each night and answer lots of questions about the story. It is so important for the children to read both at home and at school as it helps them to use their phonics effectively and develop their comprehension and interest of reading. The children will be assessed at intervals during the year, at which point we will decide if they need to move to a new reading band.

Please come and see us if you ever have any questions or concerns.

Miss Galvin and Miss Dalton

