

Year 2 Newsletter.

Dear Parents,

We hope that you and your families have had an enjoyable Christmas 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 'People of Prayer'. We will focus on the prayer life of the Church. Children will recognise some of the signs, symbols and religious terms to describe the Feast of the Epiphany and the Lord's Prayer.

Literacy

We will continue with our work on The Robot and the Bluebird before moving onto Beegu by Alexis Deacon. This is a tale about an outer space character that becomes stranded on earth when his spaceship suddenly breaks down. We will learn about Beegu's search for friendship on earth and the struggles that he faces when doing so. We are looking forward to becoming immersed in this amazing text and completing lots of role play, creating our own illustrations, completing different writing opportunities like story maps, describing characters and settings. This book will be a slow reveal over the coming weeks.

Numeracy

This half term we will be adding and subtracting two-digit numbers, comparing number sentences and answering missing number problems. We will move onto multiplication and division looking at the 'x' and '÷' symbol and creating arrays. Our focus will only be on the 2, 5 and 10 times tables including their division facts. We will make equal groups to understand grouping and sharing amounts. We will look at doubling and halving, odd and even numbers

Science

Our topic for this half term is Animals including humans. In this topic we will look at how animals change as they grow up and be introduced to the life cycles of various animals, including humans. We will learn about what an animal needs to survive and how we can apply this to our everyday lives. Moving onto the healthy lifestyles of humans, we will be learning about the importance of exercise, healthy eating and hygiene.

Geography

This half term we will be Map Makers. We will find out what maps are and some of the different ways they are used. They will learn about the four compass points and use these to navigate around maps. We will look at some maps of towns and cities, describing what we can see and finding out why symbols and keys are useful. We will think about some of the human and physical features that are found in a town. Finally, we will consider the importance of the placement of different features when town planning before using what we have learnt to design a town of our own on a map.

PE

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.

Outdoor - Games - Indoor PE - Gymnastics - Parts High and Low - Children will create simple sequences of at least four 'unlike' actions on the floor e.g. a roll, jump, travel and a balance. They will improve the quality of their gymnastic actions, e.g. stretching fingers and pointing toes and plan and perform sequences of contrasting actions, with the aim of developing flow and varying speed.

Art:

Sculpture and 3D - Clay houses

This half term we will be developing our understanding of sculpture to construct and model simple forms. We will begin to use hands and tools when cutting, shaping and joining paper, card and malleable materials. We will develop basic skills for shaping and joining clay, including exploring surface texture.

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.

As previously mentioned please come and see us if you ever have any questions or concerns.

Miss Galvin and Miss Dalton