



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of our Spring term, before we know it the Easter holidays will be here! We have lots of exciting things planned for Year 2 over the next few weeks, starting next week with World Book Day (retrospectively).

In English we are beginning our learning using the text 'Hodgeheg' to write a variety of different genres such as a letter, a diary, instructions and a retell of a section of interest.

Later in the half term children we will continue our learning with a poetry unit. We will explore how a poet brings its subject to life, the imagery created through description and phrases and how the poem should be spoken through rhythm and rhyme. We will then use this knowledge as a foundation for writing our own poem in the same style.

We are constantly striving for the children to become increasingly accurate in using the 'Every piece, every time' criteria in all their writing. In addition, children will be encouraged to show their understanding of different types of sentences; questions, exclamations, statements and commands and use them to write coherent texts. Spelling and handwriting are vital in helping your child be successful in writing. At home, please continue to support your children with their handwriting and in learning their spellings. Spelling Shed steps 21-26 will be set this half term. Please see the attached long-term plan.



Our new science topic is Plants. The children will observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants, find out what plants need to grow and explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive. There are some fun games the children can play at home on the Topmarks website linked to our topic of Plants.

In maths we will be continuing our learning about multiplication and division and later starting our topic about fractions. The children will learn to recognise, find, name and write fractions ($\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$) of a length, shape, set of objects or quantity. They will learn to find simple fractions, for example, $\frac{1}{2}$ of 6 = 3. We will also discuss the fact that finding one half is equal to finding two quarters.

Mathletics learning will be set on multiplication, division and fractions.

In Geography this half term children will be using their knowledge of the 7 continents to identify hot and cold places around the world, what they are like and the types of wonders we might find there – rainforests and deserts. Children will recognise how animals have adapted to live in places with extreme climates and how they could prepare if they were to take a trip there.

In DT this half term, children will be researching mechanisms. We will design, make and evaluate a moving vehicle.

Mrs Outram will continue to teach RE, Spanish and Music. In RE, we will be learning about Christian beliefs about Jesus' life including the Easter story and in PSHE we will continue to learn about how to keep ourselves safe indoors and outdoors, including how to stay safe around medicines.

PE will continue to run on Wednesday and Thursday. As part of their PE lessons the children will be learning and practicing skipping skills ahead of an inter school skipping festival later in the year. The sequenced lessons are dance, performing to beats of eight, and tennis.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Saxton