

# Year 2 Newsletter Spring 2022

Happy New Year!

We hope that this newsletter finds you well and that you enjoyed a happy and relaxing break over the Christmas period.

This newsletter aims to give you an insight into the work that we will be doing over the next term and provides some ideas as to how you can support your child at home. It will also give you a better idea of some of the ways in which we do things in Year 2 so that you and your child feels best prepared for the year.

## Topic



This term we will be using our Geography work as the main theme to plan our other topics. We will be focusing on 'Our Local Area' and will be developing our understanding of things that are 'near to' and 'far away' from where we live. We have begun by thinking about our route to school and what landmarks we pass along the way. We hope to take a walk around to explore the local area further, talking about Telford and other towns that are nearby. The children will also be expected to be able to label a compass. After half term we will change our focus to where our food comes from and link this to what is available within our locality. We also use maps and atlases to find out where other types of food come from.

## Maths

The children have started to develop a really good understanding of multiplication so now is a good time to start practising times tables! Please practise fast, fluent recall of facts out of order. For example –  $5 \times 2$  is.....  $8 \times 5$  is..... The children need to focus on the 2, 5 and 10 times tables first. It is useful to vary the vocabulary so that you are using the words – 'multiply' and 'times by.' In the next few days we will be learning how multiplication is linked to division so if you child is confident at times table recall try to extend them by asking 'what is 10 divided by 2?' They can use their times table facts to help them solve this. We will also be looking at shape this term and will develop our ability to describe and sort 2D and 3D shapes. We will look at data – making tally charts and interpreting the information we have gathered. In the final part of the term we will look at fractions. The children need to be confident finding a half, a third and a quarter of shapes and numbers. We will also look at finding three quarters and two thirds.

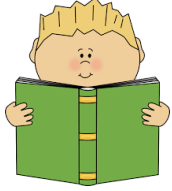
## English

In English we will focusing on writing a set of instructions. We hope to link this to other subjects so that the writing has a real purpose. The first set of instructions will be linked to our science work and then we will try to use our design and technology as the stimulus for our writing. We have found that children find it easier if they are writing about something that they have actually

experienced themselves. We will continue to read a variety of stories focusing on those set within a familiar setting first and then looking at stories from other cultures.

### Reading

Whilst all our lives are busy, it remains a fact that children who read on a regular basis do the best at school! We strongly encourage you to try and read on a daily basis with your child and to record this in their reading diary. The children will continue to read in school every day and we will listen to them read each week to check how they are getting on. The children will continue to have a 'bug'



book which is changed weekly and another banded book, which they can change whenever they wish. Please make sure that the children have their reading packs in school every day. We will also be introducing some books that are recommended reads for Year 2 children. These will also be available for the children to borrow and take home to read with you. We have introduced a new scheme to our school for teaching phonics and reading. It is called Read, Write Inc and the children in Year 2 will be using this scheme to develop reading comprehension. This will be done on a daily basis and we hope that it will develop reading fluency, vocabulary and the ability to understand a text in more detail.

### Spelling

Currently our spelling programme is on hold as we are working out how it can be best linked to the Read, Write Inc resources.....watch this space!

### Homework

Homework will be sent home on a Friday and is due in the following Tuesday. Please feel free to add any comments on the slip that is stuck in the front cover of the book to let us know how they have got on.

### P.E

Children in Year 2 do PE on a Monday, Tuesday and a Wednesday. They do not finish their PE lesson on Wednesday until 3.00pm and so it makes more sense for them to come home in their kits and



bring their uniform home in their PE bag. Their kit can then be washed and returned to school the following Monday. Please make sure that all kit is clearly named and it is useful if they have a separate bag to keep PE kit in, rather than their school bag.

### Other Subjects

Science	Animals including humans Plants – this will link with our Geography work - where our food comes from
RE (religious education)	Stories of Christians and Muslims
RHE (relationships and health education)	Dreams and Goals Healthy Me
DT (design and technology)	Making Fruit Salad! Textiles – Making a T-shirt
Music	Singing – We hope to take part in The Big Sing in June. More details to follow!
Computing	E-safety – staying safe online Technology Outside of Schools
Art	Exploring shape, line and colour Painting

As always if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask.

Best wishes

Mrs Hill and Mrs Freeman-Evans

