



Year 2 NEWSLETTER

Spring Term 2022

Welcome to the second term in Year 2



Our Themes this term are:
'Life on Earth' and 'Iceberg Ahead!'

During the first half term theme, we will be learning about animals, including humans. We will be learning about what animals and humans need to survive. We will also discuss the importance of exercise and will have a fitness day to see how our bodies change when we complete different forms of exercise. We will also be learning about the importance of eating the right amount of different types of foods and for our DT learning, we will have the opportunity to taste different fruits. In RE, we will be learning about books that are special to us and other people.

During the second half term theme, we will be learning about the Titanic. We will be using role-play to explore what it was like to be a first, second or third class passenger. We will create a whole class time line to investigate the sinking of the ship. In maths we will be using our measuring skills to look at the width of the Titanic, the weight of icebergs and the temperature of the Atlantic Ocean. In P4C we will be exploring which passengers should be allowed in the lifeboats and writing mini speeches to persuade the crew members to save us! Finally, in R.E. we will be learning about the events of Palm Sunday.

These are key learning objectives we will be covering in English and Mathematics

In reading we will be learning to:

- discuss the sequence of events in books and how items of information are related
- make simple inferences about characters' thoughts and feelings and reasons for their actions on the basis of what happens in the story and what the characters say

In writing we will be learning to:

- use conjunctions (and, but, or, so, because, if, when) to create compound and complex sentences
- use a variety of suffixes to change the meaning and spelling of a word (-ing, -ed, -er, -est, -ful, -less, -ment, -ly, -y)

In maths we will be learning to:

- know by heart the multiplication and division facts for the 10, 5 and 2 times tables
- add and subtract 2-digit numbers to/from 2-digit numbers using the bridging method on an empty number line
- tell and write the time to the nearest five minutes, including quarter past/to the hour and draw the hands on a clock face to show these times

Helping Your Child at Home

Reading

When you read your child's books together, please talk about the order of the events that have happened and how one event links to the next. Talk about why characters behave as they do and how that makes the reader feel. Perhaps you could visit the library and see if you can find any books about healthy living or the Titanic.

Writing and Spelling

This term, we are finding out about homophones and learning to add different suffixes to change the meanings of words e.g. -less to create careless and -ful to create careful. Your child will continue to receive individual spellings to learn. Have fun learning these by playing spelling tennis, using rainbow writing, playing pairs games, speed writing (how many times in a minute) or using magnetic letters! When completing writing activities, encourage your child to hold their pencil correctly and try to form the letters in the correct direction, making sure the letters stay on the lines.

Mathematics

Please could you help your child to learn their 10, 5 and 2 times tables by heart, including their division facts e.g. $10 \div 5 = 2$. To help them to learn these, you could sing them like we do in school, play times tables snap, challenge them to recall and write them or use magnetic numbers or those that stick to the side of the bath! Have lots of fun and we will test their progress along the way.

Our PDL SCARF Learning



To support the teaching of PDL (Personal Development Learning) and RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) in school, we use resources and planning provided by SCARF. SCARF's resources promote positive behaviour, mental health, wellbeing, resilience and achievement.

SCARF stands for: Safety - Caring - Achievement - Resilience - Friendship.

For your awareness, these are the SCARF units being taught this term with brief details of what will be covered.

Being my Best

During this unit your child will learn about:

- healthy lifestyle choices – including diet, sleep and exercise
- hygiene and how it can prevent certain illnesses
- looking after teeth
- the major organs of the body

Rights and Responsibilities

During this unit your child will learn about:

- getting on with each other and dealing with some of their own emotions
- people around them who can help them keep safe
- looking after the environment
- money – spending and saving
- online safety while playing games

Dates of Special Events in Year 2

6th January 2022 - Fitness dress up day

28th February 2022 - Titanic dress up day – dress up as passengers on the Titanic (1st, 2nd or 3rd Class)

Messages for Year 2

We would just like to politely remind you that your child needs to wear a black, grey or navy blue tracksuit and white or dark green T-shirt on our PE days (Wednesday and Thursday).

Thank you for your continued support
Year 2 Team