



## Year 2 NEWSLETTER

### Spring 2 Term 2021

#### Our topic is 'Iceberg Ahead!'



Who was responsible for the sinking of the Titanic?

Throughout the remainder of this half-term, 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 and clarify the meanings of words, linking new meanings to known vocabulary
- ask and answer questions about what we have read

##### In writing we will be learning to:

- use subordinating and coordinating conjunctions when writing for different purposes

##### In mathematics we will be learning to:

- recognise, find, name and write  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{3}$  and  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a shape and quantity
- solve problems involving division, using materials, repeated addition, mental methods, and multiplication and division facts, including problems in contexts.

#### Back Together Again

Now that all children are back in school again, to support them with their mental health and wellbeing we will be focussing on the following areas: Safety, Friendships and Caring, Achievement and Resilience.

There will be an increased focus on our CARE code and behaviour expectations – reminding the children of how they can CARE for themselves and others and keep everyone safe. It is really important that they reconnect as a group, so there will be a focus upon friendship and relationships which will also include an introduction of some new 'Magic Minutes' from Trick Box to support with mindfulness. We will continue to develop the children's achievement and resilience through promoting positive learning attitudes and effort.

To support this learning, we will be using resources from SCARF education, Place2Be and Trick Box as well as our Personal Development Learning (PDL) curriculum as usual.

#### Year 2 Message Board

- On **Mondays** we will have a **yoga** session – girls to wear cycling shorts under their skirt/dress if they would like to.
- **Thursday** is our **PE Day** so remember to come to school wearing P.E kit and trainers.
- Water bottles should be brought into school every day and will be returned home every afternoon to be washed.
- Please ensure you bring only essential items such as a lunchbox, coat or snack (if needed).
- For your information, the KS1 National End of Key Stage Tests (SATs) have been cancelled.

#### Dates of Special Events in Year 2

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March - We have arranged for a virtual workshop with the Southampton Sea City Museum. There will be no cost for this.

Thank you for your continued support,  
Year 2 Team