

Dear Parents/Carers

Year Two Newsletter – Spring Term 2010

This term we will be studying the Victorians.

Literacy

Our History work will be linked to our literacy lessons through lots of speaking and listening, information writing and researching in books and on the internet

We will be working on sentence structure and simple punctuation. We shall be practising joining letters in handwriting.

Maths

In the Numeracy lessons we shall continue to develop the children's understanding of numbers up to, and beyond 100, and a great deal of the work will be on mental calculation. We will cover addition, subtraction, simple multiplication and division, including money problems.

We shall also estimate and measure length in centimetres and metres and investigate 2D shape and symmetry.

Science

We shall be carrying out a variety of investigations about electricity and recording our findings in different ways.

ICT

The children will continue to use the laptops to practise specific word processing skills, so that their speed of writing improves. We shall also be using the internet to research our topic. We will be using a paint program, which allows the children to create their own pictures.

RE

The children will be finding out about Christian Worship and promises made during a Christian wedding. They will be learning about the Jewish festival of Purim and the Christian festival of Easter and recognising the cross as the main Christian symbol.

Music

This term we will be exploring pitch using instruments and voices.

PE

The focus for games lessons is kicking and travelling with a ball. We will also be doing dance indoors. Make sure your child's PE kit is always in school, along with a tracksuit or suitable clothing and footwear as it look likes the weather this term will be very cold.

Art

The children will be developing and practising their skills, powder paint mixing and printing. We will be expecting them to evaluate their work and the work of other children, so that they can improve their own work.

EVERY CHILD NEEDS SOME KIND OF 'COVER UP' TO WEAR WHEN PAINTING – an old shirt is fine, but please send something to school!

PSHCE/SEAL

The two main topics this term are 'going for goals' and 'good to be me.'

HOME LEARNING

Every week we expect the children to spend time reading, learning their spellings and completing their learning logs; they will need your help to do this effectively. We will also send home extra tasks to work on, such as comprehensions or research.

Reading

Please continue to support your child by reading regularly together. Your child ideally needs to read for ten minutes **every day**. It is important to discuss what has been read and some oral story telling, (making up stories together), would also help prepare them for writing, without the struggle of putting pencil to paper.

Spelling

The spelling test will remain on a Thursday, so please help your child to learn their words and to bring their books back for this.

Maths

This is easy for you to help with at home, as it can often be done while laying the table, brushing hair, travelling to school etc. Some ideas to start with are:

- number bonds (pairs of numbers) which make 10, 20 100
- counting forwards and backwards in jumps of 1, 2, 5 and 10
- 1, 2 and 10 more or less
- halves and doubles up to 20
- counting coins and giving change
- 2, 5 and 10 times tables
- telling the time on clock faces and digital clocks
- simple number stories or 'problems'

The children will be learning their times tables this term and a test will be given every Thursday.

We hope this summary of our plans has given you some ideas about how you can work at home to support your child's learning this term.

Finally, do please come and talk to us if you have any concerns about your child's progress or happiness.

Yours sincerely

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