

Autumn 2020

Year 2 Newsletter

Welcome to a new school year!

REMINDERS:

- Year 2 doors will open in the mornings at 8:30 and the children finish at 3:00
- 2L, 2A and 2B will enter and exit via their classroom doors. 2R will enter through the classroom door but will exit via the corridor door onto the playground.
- Year 2 P.E. is on a **Thursday**. Please ensure your child comes to school in their P.E. kit and school jumper on that day. This can include a pair of tracksuit/jogging suit bottoms for the cooler months.

HOMEWORK:

- Your child will receive a half termly homework mat for English and Maths. The activities are to be completed over the half term and brought back to school signed in the last week of that term. These activities are a guide. Please adapt them to either support or challenge your child.
- The children will take home a school reading book each week on a Friday and will also have free choice from our class library. Reading books must be returned every Wednesday to allow for quarantine.
- Spellings will be sent home, once a week on a Friday, for you to practise with your child. The children will have a spelling challenge every Tuesday.

CURRICULUM:

Throughout the term our topic will be the **Seaside**. We will also study **Non-chronological reports** towards the end of the first term. All class work including History, Geography, Art, Computing and DT will link to these topics.

Our Come and See topics will be:

- **Beginnings** (God is present in every beginning)
- **Signs and Symbols** (Baptism)
- **Preparing** (Advent)

Our English foci throughout this term will be: instructions, recounts, fiction texts, non-chronological reports, letters and poetry. It would be lovely if you could share a variety of seaside texts with your children at home or even have a trip to the seaside to collect materials and explore the surrounding areas!

Our Mathematics foci will be:

- place value, partitioning into tens and ones
- addition and subtraction
- doubling and halving
- multiplication and division
- 2D and 3D shapes

Our Science topic will be **Materials**. During this topic we will be looking at the properties of a variety of materials and how materials are changed when either heated or cooled.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Talk to your child about our Come and See topics and their meaning. Any photographs or items relevant to our topics would be welcome as they enrich our class discussions
- Reading a variety of books with the children and discussing their purpose and features will support children's reading and English work
- Practise their weekly spellings with them and find the words in the books you read together
- Playing number games involving counting forwards and backwards and also spotting number patterns will make Maths fun and will increase their confidence
- Please take a trip to Southport to explore the seaside resort and stroll down Lord Street observing the buildings.

Exciting news!

As part of our seaside topic we will be making and eating ice cream.

Thank you for all your support. We look forward to an exciting year, full of fun and learning!

The Year 2 Team