



# Year 2 Curriculum News



## Welcome Back!

The Easter holidays seem far away now, especially as we have had two long weekends since then, but I hope you managed to make the most of the good weather. The children were excited to tell everyone what they had been doing.

I can't believe we are in the final term of Year 2! The children have been working very hard since the beginning of term, and it's lovely to see them all eager to learn. Our main focus for this half term will be reading, writing and maths to ensure that all the skills and concepts they have learnt so far are embedded.

The children will be doing their SATs papers before the end of the half term. These will be part of normal classroom practice, that means that they may do their maths paper instead of their normal classroom maths on one day. They hopefully won't think there is anything different to any other day.

If, however, you have any questions about the SATs, please do not hesitate to ask. Likewise, if at any time you are anxious about anything at all, please do come and see me at the end of the day, or phone school to make an appointment.

## English

The children have done so well with their handwriting since we introduced our new scheme in September, and we are now working on ensuring all our joins are as good as we can get them.

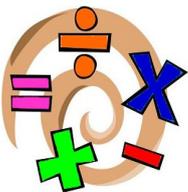
Spellings will continue to focus on the spelling patterns and rules we are learning in school, as well as any 'common exception' words that the children do not know.

The main focus of all our English work will be to secure all punctuation and grammar in all writing and to think about writing in paragraphs. We will be doing this by writing in different genres such as fiction, non-fiction, instructions, letters, information texts, invitations, lists and poetry. At the moment, we are researching information about frogs that we can 'chunk' together to begin to write paragraphs. This will lead to writing an information leaflet about frogs.

We will also be looking at the 'Lighthouse Keeper' series of books and the 'Katie Morag' books to base our English work around, as well as reading poetry about the sea.



## Maths



It is really important that the children know their 2, 5 and 10 times tables as well as the corresponding division facts. Please could you continue to practise these at home - thank you.

This term, as well as continuing with addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, we will also be covering time, reading scales, capacity and fractions.

## Reading



The children will continue to bring home a book to practise their reading skills that they are learning in class. The focus for this term is very much on comprehension skills and higher order reading skills. The children will be asked to make:

- ♦ **predictions** - what do you think will happen next? How do you think the character will feel when ....?
- ♦ **inferences** - reading between the lines
- ♦ **deductions** - reading beyond the lines

These all require the children to use evidence from the text to support their answers and to use language from the text in their answers.

At the moment I am reading George's Marvellous Medicine to the children, and they are thoroughly enjoying it! Next will be James and the Giant Peach - a Year 2 favourite!



## Theme



In Science we will be looking at plants - identifying a variety of plants in their habitat, and finding out about the basic needs of different kinds of plants and how they depend on each other

In Geography we will use maps and atlases to identify countries and oceans, looking at the human and physical features of places as well as continuing our study of Elloughton.

In ICT we will be using the new laptops to develop word processing skills.

Our Music will concentrate on performance; using our voices and instruments.

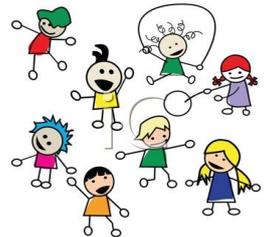
In RE our theme will be 'Believing' - how people demonstrate their beliefs in the Christian and Hindu religions.

We will be developing our drawing and collage skills in Art, using various media.

## Home Learning

At the moment, the children will continue to bring home Maths and Reading. Mid - June, this will change to the more practical Home Learning tasks that the children enjoyed at the beginning of the year.

Some children have received new home learning books, please feel free to decorate and cover these books as the children have done previously.



## PE

Children require both an indoor and outdoor PE kit in school. They do require TRAINERS as part of their outdoor PE kit. Please bring kits to school on a Monday morning and leave in school for the week. PE will continue to be on a Tuesday with Ed and Jack from Tigers Trust and on Friday.

If girls wear tights, please could you send them with a pair socks - thank you.

