



# Autumn Term Newsletter – 2020

## Year 2

I hope this newsletter finds you safe and well. Below I will outline what Year 2 will be learning about during the first half of Autumn Term.

For your information PE will be on Thursday so the children will need to arrive in school dressed in their PE kits.

Book Change day will be on Monday. Please make sure your child brings their reading record to school on this day.

Please ensure all children have their own water bottle clearly labelled with their name.

Kinds Regards

Miss Ditchfield

**Maths:** This term we will be focussing on:

- Counting in steps of 2, 3 and 5 from 0 and in tens from any number, forward and backward
- Recognizing the place value of each digit in a two-digit number (tens, ones)
- Securing fluency in addition and subtraction facts within 10, through continued practice.
- Recognizing repeated addition contexts, representing them with multiplication equations and calculating the product, within the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables.

**You can support your child by:**

- Practicing counting forward and backwards in the steps above.
- Practicing fast recall of the 2,5 and 10 times tables.

**Writing:** Our books this half term are:

- 'The Lion in the meadow' by Margret Mead.
- 'Lost and found' by Oliver Jefferies.

**We will be focussing on:**

- Using the correct punctuation in a sentence.
- Saying a sentence out loud before writing it.
- Reading back their sentence to check that it makes sense.
- Begin to use adjectives and expanded noun phrases.

**You can support your child by:**

- Encouraging your children to write where possible, ensuring that they use the correct punctuation.

**Reading:** This half term we will be focussing on:

- Listening to and discussing a wide range of stories.
- Becoming very familiar with key stories, retelling them and considering their characteristics.
- Predicting and explaining what they have read.
- Participate in discussion about what is read to them, taking turns and listening to what others say.

**You can support your child by:**

- Read with your child on a daily basis and ask questions about the book as you read it. i.e. What was the story about? What do you think will happen next? What was your favourite part of the story? Why?

**Religious Education:** This half term we will be focussing on:

- New Beginnings
- Signs and Symbols
- Preparation

**You can support your child by:**

- Talking with your children about what they have been learning in Religious Education.
- Saying prayers with your children.
- Helping your child to learn their words when it is their turn to do the Collective Worship assembly.

**French:** This half term we will be focussing on:

- Counting in French from 1-20
- Recognising the French words for colours.

**You can support your child by:**

- Practising the above with them.

**History:** The theme is 'The Local Area'. We will be focussing on:

- What is our heritage and should we be proud of it? Using local sources, statues, timelines, artefacts and various sources.
- Using maps to look at Colder Climates—Antarctica using maps and other sources.

**You can support your child by:**

- Going on a walk around your local area looking at the different types of buildings.

**Computing:** The theme is 'Coding' and 'Effective Searching'. We will be focussing on:

- To know how to refine searches using the search tool.
- To use digital technology to share work on Purple Mash to communicate and connect with others locally.

**You can support your child by:**

- Discuss how they can stay safe using technology in their own homes and visit the free website – [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

**Science:** The theme is 'Healthy Humans and The Changing State Of Materials' and we will be focussing on:

- Exploring the human life cycle, focus on how we what we need to grow into healthy adults.
- The changing shape of materials. Which material should we choose and why? \*

**You can support your child by:**

- Helping your child to create a balance diet and home and discussing what makes a balanced diet.
- Discussing all the different types of materials you can find in your home.

**RHSE:** The theme is 'To understand what makes someone feel proud' and we will be teaching this through the book, The Odd Egg by Emily Gravett.

As part of our 'Journey in Love', it teaches us how God's love is in our families.

**You can support your child by:**

- Discussing the different things that make us feel proud outside of school.

**PE:** The theme is 'Health Related Exercise' and 'Gymnastics' and we will be focussing on:

- Develop children's knowledge of how the body functions/changes during exercise
- To develop pupil's knowledge of gymnastics balances.

**You can support your child by:**

- Having fun exploring daily exercise at home.

**The Arts:** The theme is Healthy Humans and Arctic Polar Regions. We will be focussing on:

- Drawing with Charcoal and Designing buildings
- Weaving, drawing and collage using cold and warm colours.

**You can support your child by:**

- Looking at different buildings whilst commuting to school or on family walks.
- Researching different artist who draw, paint and collage the Arctic Regions.