

P.E.

We will focus on fundamental movements throughout this half term. P.E. lessons will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays. Please note that P.E. pumps are to be worn for lessons and parents will be given notice should trainers be required for any outdoor activities. It would be much appreciated if earrings were not worn to school on Mondays or Wednesdays. For safety reasons, children will not be allowed to participate in P.E. lessons if earrings cannot be removed due to recent piercings. Thank you in advance for your support.

R.E.

In R.E. we will be looking at The Bible and exploring why it is a special book. As well as developing knowledge and understanding of the importance of the Bible, the children will be given the opportunity to look at and handle many different Bibles. We will also be exploring the Holy Books used by people of other faiths.

Please feel free to make an appointment with me after school should you have any queries throughout the term (k.smith@euxton.lancs.sch.uk).

With best wishes,
Mrs. Smith and the Year 2 Team

Year 2

A Rich Tapestry



Autumn Term 1

Class News

Dear Parent/ Guardian,
Welcome to Year 2. We hope that you all had a relaxing and enjoyable Summer break.

Homework

Spelling

Please see the Spelling Programme in the yellow Spelling Books for details of spellings to be learned each week. A Spelling Quiz will be given each Monday. The Spelling Books will be sent home on a Wednesday and will need to be returned each Monday.

Maths and English Homework-Alternate Weeks

Please see the Autumn Term 1 Homework sheet for details of reading homework to be completed on alternate weeks throughout this half term. This is to be completed in the Homework Books and sent back to school every Monday. The books will be marked and returned home on a Wednesday. Mathematics homework will also be sent home on alternate Wednesdays to be completed and returned to school by the following Monday. Please note that Maths homework will be set on the MyMaths.co.uk website for Autumn Term 1. The children will also need to practise quick recall of the x2, x3, x5 and x10 multiplication tables throughout the year.

Reading Books

We will concentrate on developing comprehension skills throughout Year 2. Asking your child questions about the characters and the plot will help them to develop their inference skills. Children will be given the opportunity to change their reading books on a Tuesday and a Friday. Please note that we are awaiting a delivery of new reading record books to be used this year. The old reading record books are to be used until the new books arrive.

Topic theme 'Rich Tapestry'

Our topic this half term is Rich Tapestry. We will be learning about our multicultural community, developing the children's awareness and understanding of a wide range of cultures. Throughout the topic, opportunities will be provided for the children to discuss diversity. We will explore information books and use the internet to research details of stories, traditions, beliefs and food. The topic will also have a geographical focus. We will learn how to name, locate and identify characteristics of the four countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom and its surrounding seas. We will also focus on developing geographical skills, learning how to use aerial photographs and plan perspectives to recognise landmarks and basic human and physical features.

English

This half term, the children will be focusing on Story as a Theme. We will also be looking at Non-Chronological Reports. Punctuation will be an on-going focus, so as to enhance reading and writing skills. Grammar sessions will also be incorporated into lessons, in order to ensure a greater understanding of grammatical knowledge and rules to be applied.

Mathematics

In Maths, we will be focusing on Number and Place Value, developing understanding of the number system to include numbers up to and beyond 100. We will also be exploring measurement, looking at length and mass. Children will be given the opportunity to work practically to measure length and height and will compare and order various lengths and masses. We will also be looking at Addition and Subtraction, consolidating understanding that addition can be done in any order and subtraction of one number from another cannot. The children will also be focusing on solving problems with addition and subtraction. We will be learning about 2D and 3D shapes in more detail, identifying and describing properties, as well as comparing and sorting common 2D and 3D shapes.

Science

Our science topic is Animals Including Humans. We will discuss how animals have offspring that grow into adults and think about how children have changed since they were babies. We will also be looking at various life cycles and find out what animals need to survive. We will explore balanced diets and exercise, which help keep humans fit and healthy. We will also be focusing on Seasonal Changes. Our experiments and investigations will continue to focus on turning ideas into questions that can be investigated, presenting results and drawing conclusions.

Computing

The children will learn how to use technology safely and respectfully, as well as how to keep personal information private. They will also be taught how to recognise common uses of information technology beyond school.

Music

Using the Music Express Scheme, we will focus on use of voice, playing instruments, listening to live and recorded music, as well as experimenting, creating, selecting and combining sounds.