



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome to Term 4, below is an overview of what will be covered in Year 2 this term.

Language, Oracy and Literacy

As well as continuing the development of reading and writing skills, phonic and blends knowledge, spelling and grammar, the children will be spending part of this term exploring the novels of Roald Dahl. Also, they will be studying Information Texts where they will investigate non-fiction books/ICT texts on similar themes to show that they can give different information and present similar information in different ways.

Mathematics

Some of the many areas to be covered this term include:

- Measuring in centimetres using rulers, comparing and ordering lengths; accurately measuring the weight of objects in grams and kilograms using scales; comparing and ordering weight.
- Reasoning – identifying key words in word problems and using the appropriate operation to solve accurately.
- Tell and write the time to five minutes, including quarter past/to the hour and draw the hands on a clock face to show these times.
- Identify and describe the properties of 2-D shapes, including the number of sides and symmetry in a vertical line.
- Identify and describe the properties of 3-D shapes, including the number of edges, vertices and faces
- Interpret and construct simple pictograms, tally charts, block diagrams and simple tables

Science and Technology

Our Science and Technology topic this term is Living Things and Their Habitats. Children will be exploring the habitats we have within the school grounds, observing our pond closely, and the wildlife it is home to. They will be looking at how animals are adapted to their habitats, what their diet is like and the food chain.

Place and Time

Our Place and Time unit this term is focusing on famous people from the 20th Century. Children will be learning about Roald Dahl, The Beatles and Emmeline Pankhurst. They will also have the opportunity to do some personal research on other famous people from the 20th Century. Research on our country, China, to be studied during Arts and Culture week will also feature this term as well.

Physical and Emotional Health

In our dance unit this term the children will focus on creating and performing a theatrical dance to portray the visual effects of a fire. Outdoor games activities will consist of children improving and applying their basic skills in games in relation to tennis.

Art & Creativity

The children will be exploring the Quentin Blake illustrations of the Roald Dahl books. Many drama activities will be carried out throughout the term in both literacy and Time & Place this, including hot seating of Roald Dahl characters. In music, they will be exploring the interrelated dimensions of music (pulse, rhythm, pitch etc.), singing and playing instruments, through the music genre of Reggae.

Faith and Belief

This term the children will be learning about Christianity focusing particularly on the Easter Story.

Citizenship and Ethics

This term the children will be learning about 'Sustainability'. They will learn about what we can do to help our environment. They will also be learning about what it means to purchase 'fair trade' goods. The children will also participate in new Philosophy Circles sessions every week.

Homework

Spellings are given on a Monday and tested on Monday the following week, another piece of homework is given on Wednesday and Reading comprehension is given on Friday. Phonics homework may also be given during the week. The children will also be tested regularly on their times tables. Should you wish your child to be tested on a particular times table, please leave a note in their homework book.

We would ask you to read with your child daily, please make sure that you sign and date your child's reading log when you have heard them read. If there is anything that you would like to comment on, please feel free to do so in their diary.

If you have any queries or questions, please make an appointment to see me.

Below are a few useful websites you may wish to visit with your child:

www.roalddahl.com – An excellent, interactive website with a range of Roald Dahl games.

www.spellingcity.com – A brilliant site, which allows you to input spellings, to help learn weekly spellings and spelling stars.

www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths - A range of fun interactive maths games covering many areas of the curriculum.

www.phonicsplay.co.uk – Interactive phonics games covering all phases taught in school.

Kind regards

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