



Spring Term - Year 2

What we are learning this half term:

Reading

Each child will continue to be heard read at least once per week and this is recorded in our class records. If each child continues to bring their book into school on a daily basis this record can then be updated in their diaries and links between home and school can be maintained. Without these books in school, children are still heard weekly, but you may be unaware as we have lost the link between school and home. It will also mean that the children can take regular reading tests in school which allows us to make assessments of how well they are reading and their understanding of the different texts, as well as give support where and when necessary. Throughout the term, Year 2 will also be reading a number of short texts within the class which will fit in with our new topic of Dragons and Dinosaurs. Elements of these texts will then be used to influence the Literacy lessons.

Writing

The children will be producing many pieces of writing, which will be all related to our topic. If a child has put an increased effort into their writing, it may well be published on 'Pobble' for you to view and comment on. This is a fantastic way for the children to engage with their own writing with you at home and we saw some very successful pieces of writing posted last term. If you have not yet already handed in your slip for 'Pobble', please could you provide permission for your child's work to be published, as this is a fantastic way to celebrate good pieces of writing.

Maths

This term, the children will be focusing on :

- Multiplication and Division
- Statistics: bar charts and pictograms
- Shape
- Fractions
- Measurement, Length and Mass

Throughout the year all children in Year 2 are expected to know their 2x, 5x and 10x, tables. Any help at home would be greatly appreciated and would help your child enormously.

Topic

This term, Year 2 will be learning all about Dragons and Dinosaurs. During this unit of work we will be reading lots of dragon and dinosaur themed texts and will write for a range of purposes based on these quality texts. As well as:

History—studying dinosaur expert Mary Anning.

DT- Making dragon and dinosaur puppets for our very own puppet show.

Science—Explore the different features of dinosaurs and dragons. As well as carrying out an investigation into what they ate.

Based on our learning, we will create a new dinosaur or dragon considering what they would need to survive in a modern world.

Important Dates:

Each Wednesday of this term Year 2 will go swimming on an afternoon. We will leave school at 1.15pm and will return at approximately 2.30pm. We also have a drama workshop in the pipeline which is linked to our topic.

Homework:

As before homework will be set on a Friday of each week and will be due on or before the following Thursday. The children will receive a piece of Maths and Literacy each, and will work from The Dinosaurs grid that has been provided and sent home with your child. This is always an opportunity for the children to stun and amaze me with their creations and I look forward to seeing lots of finished pieces—please ask your child for their copy of this grid so that you can encourage and provide support with this.

Spellings will again focus on the Year 1 and 2 common exception words which each child will be expected to know by the end of this academic year. We also have a new spelling programme being implanted into the school day which will focus on a variety of words which will be useful in the children's day to day activities. Any child who has a little extra support at home on learning to read and spell these is at a distinct advantage as it will benefit them in their Literacy lessons. If you have 10 minutes per week to help your child with this that will make a big difference to them.

Notes from the teacher:

Welcome to the Spring Term

Hope you've all had a lovely Christmas break and are fully rested ready for the new term. IWe are fortunate to have Mr Beech in our classroom for the next 6 weeks. Mr Beech is an experienced teacher who is now looking at the Primary Curriculum. We both look forward to a lovely Spring Term and developing the children further in preparation for their end of year SATs assessments.

PE lessons

PE will take place on a Thursday afternoon so could all children please bring in a PE bag with pumps, blue shorts and a white top, as well as a pair of tracksuit bottoms just in case the lesson takes place outside. This bag will once again be left on their peg and will be sent home at half term for a wash.

Sadly, we still have a lot of children who run the risk of missing their PE lesson because of a failure to bring in a suitable PE kit. We only have a small amount of spare kit and a child missing out on their PE lesson is a shame—please, please, please could I ask that you make this a priority and set aside a spare bag with their Kit inside to leave in school so that they are never without.