



What's happening in Year Two this term?

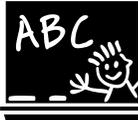
Numeracy -

There has been a number of changes to the Year 2 curriculum. Attached to this sheet is a sheet with the expectations of Year 2. Children will be required to read and write 2 and 3 digit numbers. Children will need to read the time to the nearest quarter of an hour and the nearest 5 minutes so it would be helpful if your child could wear a watch and/ or if you could look carefully at the clock with your child. Maths homework will be sent each week.



Literacy

In class we will be sharing a range of texts including stories, poems and instructions. Your child will be reinforcing their sentence skills and learning more about story structure. We will link much of our work to our topic 'People Who Help Us'. The children will write a range of genres including character descriptions, stories, diaries and letters. Due to the changes in the new curriculum the children will be having separate spelling, punctuation and grammar lessons. The skills learned in these lessons will be reinforced during our writing sessions Your child will be encouraged to read daily both at home and at school. Please help by listening to your child read and fill in the appropriate page in their reading diary.



Science

The first topic this term is 'Health and Growth. Your child will learn that animals (including humans) grow and reproduce. They will use ideas about feeding and growth to learn about ways we need to look after ourselves and stay healthy. The children will complete investigative work on exercise, keeping clean, medicines and food.

Within this topic the children will look at making a healthy snack such as soup, fruit salads and smoothies.

The school nurse will also visit year 2 to discuss hygiene and the importance of washing our hands correctly. They will complete an investigation to see how quickly germs can spread and the issues that this can cause.



I.C.T.

This term we will be looking at word processing in ICT. In this unit the children learn to use words to communicate messages and recognise that ICT lets them correct and improve their work, as they are working or at a later date. Children will be able to apply what they have learned when writing stories based on our topic 'People Who Help Us'.



Music

This term's topics are ' Sounds Interesting' and 'The Long and Short of it'. Through these topics your child will experiment with tuned and untuned instruments as well as their own bodies to see the different sounds they can make. After 1/2 term we will explore the duration of vocal and instrumental sounds and develop their ability to discriminate between longer and shorter sounds. They will use this knowledge to create interesting sequences of sound.



Other Events

There will be a SAT's meeting for parents this term. This will inform you about the new tasks and tests that your child will undertake this year.

Visit to Tullie House

Geography/History

This term our main focus is History. Our topic is 'People Who Help Us' and through this topic we will look at Florence Nightingale. We will be looking at why she went to Turkey to help the soldiers injured in the Crimean War, and what happened as a result of her work. We will complete sketches of Florence Nightingale and role play in order for the children to understand the conditions in Scutari.

In Autumn 2 we will be looking at their local surroundings. They will be able to name the seven continents of the world and locate the UK on a world map and identify capital cities in the UK. The children will go on a local walk to observe the physical and human features of Whitehaven. They will use their ipads to capture some of these features and then create art work back at school.



P.S.H.E.

The topic this term is 'New Beginnings'. This topic will offer the children the opportunity to see themselves as valued individuals within a community. Throughout the theme children explore feelings of happiness and excitement, sadness, anxiety and fearfulness.



Art

During the first half of the term we are looking at Nature, and how there are many different patterns and textures in God's creation. We will be drawing, working with paper and material to make a collage, and evaluating our own work to see how we could make it better.



D.T.

In design and technology we will be making soup. We will do taste tests- thinking about textures, colours and taste. Then we will design our own packaging and make the soup, fruit salads and smoothies.



P.E.

Your child will cover 3 main areas of P.E. : Gymnastics, Dance and Games. In gymnastics they will perform basic skills in travelling and perform short linked sequences. In games your child will play simple competitive net, striking/fielding and invasion type games that they and others have made up. Through the Dance topic the children will respond a story where they will use movement imaginatively to express ideas and feelings.



