

Dear Parents/Carers,

**English** - Narrative- This half term the children will write a narrative with an alternative ending. We will focus on a high quality text and the children will develop their familiarity with it to then create their own ending. Advert and brochures- This half term we are focusing on a book about Wolves! The children will then create a brochure with non fiction style writing to persuade people to visit a wolf sanctuary!

**Maths** - This term we will be introducing the children to fractions. They will be looking at how to recognise, find, name and write one-quarter, one-third, one-half/two-quarters, and three-quarters of an object, set of objects, shape, length or quantity. They will learn to write simple fractions, for example  $\frac{1}{2}$  of 6 = 3 and recognize the equivalence of 2 quarters and  $\frac{1}{2}$ . We will then start our topic on time, how to read time and do all 4 calculations using time.

**History** - Children will continue learning about The Victorians. We will look at all the inventions during this time period and how that impacted life as we know it. We will compare the difference between Victorian and current toys, learn about the workhouses and about some famous Victorians.

**PSHME** - We will be learning how to take care of our physical and mental health, including the importance of sleep and rest. We will be learning about how we use medicine to maintain good health and how we take care of our oral hygiene. Understanding and dealing with big feelings is also something we will cover in the first half of the summer term.

**Science** - This half term's unit is on Plants. We will observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants. We will also use field work and investigations to find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy.

**R.E.** - We will be learning about Christian, Hindu and Jewish weddings. This will give us the opportunity to look at the customs, traditions and food related to these celebrations. Children are welcome to share photos of themselves or their families at weddings.

**Art** - Expressive Painting: We will continue to explore the gestures that painters use to create art in expressive ways. We will be looking at different techniques to create texture in pictures such as gestural mark making with acrylic paints.

**Music** - Our class will be learning the Friendship Song and music focused around imagination. Children will also be improvising and creating their own compositions to this piece.

**P.E.** - Preparing ourselves for Sports Day, we will be doing athletics during outdoor P.E. and a combination of gymnastics and dance during indoor P.E. This will be with minimum equipment but will focus on skill and technique.

**Reading** - We continue our focus on comprehension skills while still taking reading books home. Please encourage a short conversation about what they are reading and ask simple comprehension questions about the context.

The Year 2 Team

P.E.

Outdoor P.E. - Friday

Indoor P.E. - Thursday

Please ensure that your child wears P.E. kit into school on these days (t-shirt, sweat-shirts, hoodies, leggings/tracksuit bottoms and trainers.

Reading

Please read with your child every day at home (10-15 minutes) and where possible from a variety of texts. Please make note of the books your child reads at home in their yellow reading record to share with the adults in class.

Home Learning

We will continue to send homework each Friday. This will either be based on what we have done in class during the week or an area in which the children will need additional practise.