



Year 2 Spring Term Newsletter

Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break.
This half term, our value is WISDOM. After half term our value will be HOPE.

English

This term we are focusing on spelling and grammar in our English lessons. Much of this work will continue to focus around high quality picture books, with the aim of immersing the children in the story so their learning is as interactive and fun as possible. We will be looking at using the correct spelling patterns for word endings when changing tense or using adjectives to describe characters and settings. We will also be focusing on ensuring our sentences are correctly punctuated with capital letters, full stops and question marks where applicable. Guided Reading will continue to take place in class each morning. The Children are grouped and will be read with every week as part of a group by the class teacher. In addition, children will be heard reading individually each week by Miss Welland. Please read regularly at home with your child. We appreciate your help to ensure the yellow reading records are signed regularly and are kept in your child's book bag.

Maths

We start this term once again by consolidating our knowledge of Place Value, recapping Tens and Units. We are extending the learning this term to include partitioning of numbers in a variety of ways to ensure the children are very secure at recognizing numbers and understanding how they are made. We are also focusing on mental Maths; knowing pairs of numbers which make 10, 20 or 100, adding and subtracting numbers within 20 and of course, times tables. By the end of the year, the children must know the 2, 5 and 10 timetables securely. We will continue to practise applying our mathematical knowledge to solve problems in a range of practical contexts and encouraging the children to do this with independently and to explain how they found their answers.

RE

This term the children will be learning more about The Lord's Prayer, what the language means and why Christians say it. Later in the term will be thinking about our school's saint, St Peter. We will also be learning about Easter through our unit, "how do Easter symbols help us to understand the true meaning of Easter?"

Science

Our topic this term will be Uses of Everyday Materials. We will be identifying and comparing the suitability of a variety of everyday materials for particular uses. We will also learn how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed. After half term, we will be observing and describing how seeds and bulbs grow into plants and describing what plants need in order to grow and stay healthy.

Homework

This will be sent home on Friday and must be handed back in by the following Wednesday. Spellings will be sent home on Friday. Please help your child to learn their spellings. In addition to this, children should be reading aloud to an adult regularly at home. Please do make a note of this in their yellow reading diary. We will also send home some Maths homework each week, which will sometimes be accessible online through My Maths. The aim is to consolidate the children's understanding of concepts taught in class.

P.E

On Wednesday afternoons the children will continue to have P.E with Mr Smith. Mrs Fine will lead a second P.E session later in the week. This term, the focus will be outdoor adventurous activities and gymnastics. We will also be developing the children's hand-eye coordination through Multi-Skills sessions. Please ensure your child has the correct P.E kit: navy blue shorts/tracksuit bottoms and navy blue/yellow T-shirts. Please check that all items of your child's P.E kit are named. Any children wearing earrings must remove these for all P.E sessions. P.E is a statutory part of the curriculum and we expect the children to take part in full kit. If for any reason your child is unable to take part in a P.E lesson, please inform us in writing.

Expressive Arts

In Art this term, our focus will be on developing the children's painting skills using water colours. We will also be printing and creating 3D sculptures! Music will be closely linked to our topic, Rescue at Sea and the children will learn a variety of sea shanties and use a range of musical instruments to create their own accompaniment.

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

Our main topic this term will be Rescue at Sea, which will encompass a range of geographical and historical content. The children will learn about Victorian heroine Grace Darling and her daring rescue of the stricken crew of the paddle steamer Forfarshire. They will locate the four countries and capital cities of the UK and the surrounding seas and islands on a map. Additionally, the children will consider the range of different activities which can take place at sea. They will make their own model of a lighthouse and following our Year 2 trip to Shoreham Lifeboat Station in March, they will make an in depth study of an historical disaster at sea and the work of the coastal rescue services in the UK.

Dates

W/C 22/01/18 After school Clubs start
26/01/18 PTFA Quiz Night from 7:30pm
05/02/18 PTFA Disco KS1 4 - 5pm
06/02/18 Safer Internet Day
21/02/18 Year 2 Class Collective Worship
9am
1/03/18 KS1 SATS meeting 7pm
15/03/18 Shoreham Lifeboat Station trip
19, 20, 22/03/18 Parents Evenings
29/03/18 End of Spring Term

Philosophy and PSHE

At Nutfield Church, we encourage our children to listen and respond to others with thoughtfulness and respect. This year we will continue to teach Philosophy for Children (P4C) to facilitate critical and deeper thinking and provide opportunities for children to practise these skills.

In P.S.H.E, we will use our school values as the basis of our work; Community, Peace, Wisdom, Hope, Dignity and Joy.

Uniform

Please check ALL items of your child's uniform, coats and bags are clearly labeled to help them become more independent and responsible for their own belongings. The school uniform comprises: grey trousers or skirt/dress with a yellow polo shirt and blue jumper/cardigan. Jewelry should be minimal for health and safety reasons. Shoes must be dark-coloured, sensible and weather appropriate.

And finally...

If you have any quick questions or concerns please feel free to catch us in the playground at the end of the day. If you would like to speak with Miss Morris or Mrs Fine more privately, please see us to arrange an appointment.

Miss Morris, Mrs Fine, Miss Welland and
Mrs Parry
Year 2 Team

