



Year 2 Spring Term Newsletter



Welcome to Spring Term in Year 2! This term, our values are Wisdom and Hope. In class and during collective worship we will be thinking about these values and creating work which reflects what these values mean to us. These will all be displayed in our class values book. The charity 'Loveworks' provide emergency help to those in crisis and for local people in need. For our Spring Love Project we are asking the children to support Loveworks by bringing in a tin of food a week. These tins will go to a food bank in Merstham.

English

Please read regularly at home with your child as this is vitally important for the development of their reading and writing skills. Please question your children about what they have read. Try to include inference questions which require your child to look beyond the text and give information that was not specifically provided, For example, "What do you think happened next?" "Why do you think he did that?" "How do you think the pirate felt when he was left behind?" We appreciate your help to look after your child's reading record and ensure they are signed regularly and are kept in your child's book bag at all times. Our English lessons will be based on a range of genres. We are starting the term with 'The Minpins' by Roald Dahl. Our lessons will always have a grammar focus because this is a high priority within the end of year expectations.

Maths

In Maths we are learning to use our knowledge of place value to partition two-digit numbers into tens and ones. We will begin to add two-digit numbers to other two-digit numbers. We will use kilograms as a unit of measure for mass and find everyday objects that weigh more or less than a kilogram. We will continue to represent multiplication as repeated addition and arrays. Similarly division will continue to be represented as sharing, grouping and arrays. We will consolidate our understanding of time as we continue to learn to tell the time to the hour half an hour and quarter hour (past and to). We will re-visit money and introduce the relationship between pounds and pence.

Science

During the first half of the Spring term our topic will be Plants. Children will observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants. They will find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and thrive. During the second half of the Spring term our topic will be Animals Including Humans. During our lessons, children will notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults. They will find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air). They will also be able to describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene.

Homework

Homework will be sent home on Fridays and **must be handed back in by the following Wednesday**. It is important that the children take pride in their homework and look after their books.

PPA

On Wednesday afternoon I have my weekly non-contact time. During this time the children will be taught PSHE, P4C by Mrs Lane and PE by Mr Smith.

P.E

On Wednesday afternoon the children will have P.E with Mr Smith. Please ensure children have the correct P.E kit on this day: navy blue shorts/tracksuit bottoms and navy blue/white T-shirts. Children will need a tracksuit this term due to lessons being outside. Please make sure all items of your child's P.E kit are named. If your child is unable to access a P.E lesson due to injury or illness, please write a note to let us know.

Philosophy and PSHE

Philosophy and PSHE sessions will be based on a book, picture or video stimulus to encourage the children to ask questions. In PSHE we will be looking at healthy living.

Expressive Arts

Expressive arts will be linked to our topic **The Great Fire of London**. We will be using tissue paper to create a collage of the Great Fire of London. The children will also explore block printing techniques and marbling to create images of the fire. We will be working with clay to create Tudor roses, as well as making our own Tudor knot gardens using cress and our own Tudor pomanders. We also hope to make bread rolls using a Tudor recipe and create our own candles.

Uniform

Please adhere to the school's uniform policy which can be found on the website. Please ensure your child brings a named coat daily. Wellies are also advised for our outdoor learning.

R.E

Our first unit for the Spring term is: **Why Did Jesus Teach The Lord's Prayer As The Way To Pray?** This unit teaches the importance of prayer to Christians, and in particular, The Lord's Prayer. The children will learn how this prayer is the way that Jesus taught his followers to pray to God and the meaning of each phrase in The Lord's Prayer. The children will also learn how The Lord's Prayer is used by Christians worldwide. During the second half of the Spring term we will learn about the School's Own Saint's Day (St Peter) and how Easter symbols help us to understand the true meaning of Easter.

Knowledge and Understanding of the World

This term we will be exploring the events of **The Great Fire of London**. The topic will have a history focus. Through this topic children will develop an awareness of the past in the context of comparing present-day London to the London that existed before 1666. They will be able to compare present-day living to how people of London lived during 1666. They will also know and understand key features of the Great Fire of London and how it started.

Saints Days

Friday 1st March 2019: St David's Team wear a yellow T-shirt/top
Monday 18th March 2019: St Patrick's Team wear a green T-shirt/top
Tuesday 23rd April 2019: St George's Team wear a red T-shirt/top

And finally...

Please do keep an eye on the school website which lists all the key dates for the Spring term. Our class Collective Worship is on Wednesday 30th March at 9.00am. Here's to another fantastic term with your wonderful children!

Mrs Brooks, Mr Bowen and Miss Murray
Year 2 Team

