

## Year 2 Curriculum News spring 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We thought that you may be interested to learn about some of the varied and interesting work planned for the Spring term in Year 2. Due to the national lockdown, the curriculum has been adapted to suit learning from home.

**English** - We will begin by exploring explanation texts. We will be looking at fact files and creating our own based on an exotic pet. We will also be exploring persuasive letters and looking at the structure of a letter. Using *Zoo* by Anthony Brown, we will explore story structures, characters, and settings as well as the use of effective descriptive language. We will then learn to write recounts in the form of a diary from a character's perspective. We will then move onto writing setting descriptions, and writing a retell of a familiar story, as well as exploring poetry. Our non-fiction work will be based around writing instructions to make pancakes. We also have a daily 'Letters and Sounds' session and weekly sessions which cover spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPAG).

**Maths** - This term, we will continue to develop our knowledge and understanding of multiplication and division, fractions, statistics, measurement: length and height and shape.

**Science** - This term in science our topic is 'animals, including humans'. The children will have the opportunity to work scientifically and carry out experiments linked to this topic.

**ICT** - The children will take the role of authors to write the sequel to a popular children's story. They then create illustrations for their story and record themselves reading the story order to create an audiobook to publish online. We will also be continuing to learn more about how to keep ourselves safe online by taking part in Safer Internet Day 2021 - together for a better internet.

**Cross Curricular Themed Topic** - Our theme for this term is 'On Our Doorstep'. Within this, we will be looking at our local area and thinking about the history of our school. There will be opportunities for the children to develop skills in geography, history, art and food technology.

**Music** - This term we continue to have a specialist music teacher who will deliver music and singing teaching in school. The children will gain knowledge in musical composition, playing a variety of instruments as well as enjoying singing together.

**RE** - In our RE lessons this term, we will study the Christian themes, 'What did Jesus leave behind?' 'Why do Christians remember the last supper?'.

**PE** - This term the children will be developing their dance and hitting, running and catching skills. Could children please have their PE kit in school from Monday until Friday (black non-marking plimsolls, blue/black shorts and a white t shirt). Monday afternoon - 2E and Tuesday afternoon - 2C.

**PSHE** - This half term we are celebrating Children's Mental Health week with the theme of 'Express Yourself'. We are also exploring what makes you, you and encouraging children to celebrate their differences. We will also learn more about respectful relationships, and people who care for us.

**Reminders**

Please make sure all jewellery is not worn on PE days.

Please could children have a water bottle every day for use in school.

All clothing and shoes should be named.

If your child has any medication, or inhalers in school, please ensure they are up to date.

If you would like to discuss any items further, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards,

Miss Edge and Mrs Callaghan