

# Year 2 Newsletter - September 2021



## Welcome to Year 2 – Autumn Term 1

Our topic this half-term is “**Special Places**” followed by “**Bugs, Blood and Bandages**”

In **Reading**, stories will be our inspiration for reading during this half term. Our focus is to be able to sequence the events in a story and talk about effective word choices. We will learn to recognise compound words and words within words and chunk words into syllables as strategies for reading.

In **Writing**, we are learning to begin sentences in a variety of different ways, remembering to use a capital letter and full stop. This half term our focus will be writing diaries and letters and what features makes these unique compared to other types of writing styles.. We will learn the success criteria for each, to help us write our own successful pieces.

In **Mathematics**, we are learning to recognise the value of digits in numbers up to 100. We will be focusing on number facts (like doubles and pairs that make ten) and understanding place value; knowing 1 more and 1 less and the position of each number on a number line or 100 square.

In **Science**, our unit will be health & growth. We will find out about the basic needs of humans and animals and be able to describe importance of exercise, diet and hygiene.

**Geography:** We will be looking at local maps in relation to the world. We will also be naming the seven continents and five oceans of the world.

**ICT:** We will learn how to use the Internet safely. What should you do if you see something you are not comfortable with? We will begin to learn how to code using Purple Mash.

**PE:** In gymnastics, we will be learning key balances and performing them in a sequence. In games we will be learning different ways of sending and receiving a ball using our hands and feet.

**Speaking and Listening:** We will be learning how to ask a relevant question.

**Art:** We will be painting portraits and learning about the artist Picasso.

**History:** We will be learning about the life of Florence Nightingale. We will learn about the changes she made in medicine and think about the impact these had on our lives today.

## Dates for your diary

September

**30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 – 9.15am**

Harvest Celebration at St Mary’s Church  
All Parents/Carers welcome to attend

October

**11<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

INSET Day – School closed

**25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

Half-term – School closed

## Shoes

Please ensure that your child is wearing Velcro shoes if they are unable to tie laces.



## PE Day

Our PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday. Outdoor PE is on a Tuesday afternoon. Please send your child into school in leggings/tracksuit trousers, trainers & school uniform on top. Please ensure long hair is tied back and earrings removed on these days.

## Water Bottle



Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school every day. It is important that your child has access to water all of the time so these are now kept on their tables. They will be sent home on a Friday to be washed.

We encourage you to come and speak to any member of the team to share your concerns and joys. Please ensure an appointment is made via the school office to speak with your teacher.

We are very impressed at how well all the children have settled into life in Year 2 and are following the routines in place to keep us happy and safe. Well done to you, parents/carers, for preparing them so well, we are looking forward to having a great year together.

### How you can help your child at home:



**Reading:** Please continue supporting them by reading regularly their colour book band book and still sharing a story that you read to them. This is a valuable activity, which helps to develop their language and vocabulary. Please continue to sign your child's reading diary each time you read together.

**Spellings:** Your child's spelling book will be in their book bag every Friday. We will be sending a different set of spellings home every week for your child to learn, and we will test them every Friday to check their progress. Please help them throughout the week – see spelling tips sheet.

**Maths:** Go on a number hunt whilst you're out and about looking for double digit numbers (house numbers, price labels, road signs, car registration numbers). Ask your child to identify the number, can they tell you what one more and one less is? Choose a starting number e.g. start at 25 then recite the next ten numbers in the sequence, then choose another number and do the same.

**Speaking and listening:** At school the children will be watching Newsround, why not use this as an opportunity to ask them what they saw today and have a conversation about current affairs.

### Belongings



**Please** ensure your child's name is on all of their clothing, lunch boxes and PE kits. We already have items of unnamed clothing that have gone missing and have wasted valuable learning time looking for clothes.



### Outdoor learning

#### Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September

Children can wear leggings/tracksuit trousers and trainers or wellies. School sweatshirts/cardigans should be worn on top.

Please bring a coat in case of poor weather.

### Don't forget to:



**Bring your reading diary every Monday.**

**Bring your spelling book every Friday.**



This term Year 2 will be starting a Forest Friends programme. This will run on a Thursday afternoon.

- Butterflies will start this in Autumn 1.
- Caterpillars will start this in Autumn 2.

An information letter will follow.