

Year 2 Newsletter

Term: Autumn 2021



Welcome to Year 2! We hope you all had a lovely summer holiday.

English: Our English lessons are often based around a particular story or theme. This term our fiction unit will be focusing on stories written by Oliver Jeffers. We will be learning about the author and exploring the story 'Lost and found' and 'The Day the Crayons Quit.' Children will be learning to sequence and retell the story as well writing descriptions of key characters and events. Our non-fiction units will focus on writing instructions and non-chronological reports. We will link this to our science unit about life cycles of animals. Children will access daily phonics/spelling groups to support them with their reading and writing skills. Please encourage your child to read and to use their Lexia as often as possible.

Maths: Our maths this term will cover the following areas:

- Place value in numbers to 100 – We will count objects to 100 and read and write numbers in numerals and words, we will represent numbers to 100, identify tens and ones with a part whole model. We will use a place value chart, compare and order objects and numbers as well as count in 2s, 5s and 10s and even count in 3s.
- Addition and Subtraction – We will learn number bonds to 20, number bonds to 100 and 10 more and 10 less than a given number to 100.
- 2D Shapes- this will include learning the shapes names, properties and how to sort these shapes based on their properties.
- 3D Shapes - this will include learning their properties such as faces, vertices and edges and sorting the shapes into categories as well as describing which 2d shapes are used on the faces of 3d shape.

Computing: In digital literacy children will learn that they can go to exciting places online, but they need to follow certain rules to remain safe. Offline and online algorithms will be our main focus in computer science as we program and produce simple sequences of commands to send floor robots and onscreen characters on a route.

Science- Our topic this term is 'Animals including Humans.' We will be looking at how babies grow into adults and the life cycles of different animals such as frogs and butterflies. We will learn how to draw life cycles and we will look at the basic needs of different animals. We will also look at what humans need to have a healthy life style and explore how we can achieve this.

Geography: Our geographical enquiry question for this term is 'Why is our world wonderful?' Within this unit of work, children will be learning to locate the continents, oceans, major mountains and rivers of the world, identify similarities and differences, use simple world maps, aerial photographs and satellite images to recognise land marks and basic physical features.

History: This term our unit focuses on the enquiry question of 'Why are some places special?' As part of this, children will be studying places built before they were born in the North East and considering why these places were/are important. Then we will carry out a local study to find out more about important places in Framwellgate Moor.

Art: We will be learning about the formal elements of art. We will explore taking rubbings and looking at texture, frottage and creating 3d drawings. We will look at various artists and how they apply these skills in order to mirror this in our sketch books.

DT: In design technology, we will be focusing on healthy eating. We will identify the different food groups and what it means to have a 'balanced diet'. We will lead on to making our own healthy wraps and think about the ingredients carefully.

P.E: Children will be participating in games, gymnastics and dance this half term. One session a week will be taught by a specialist coach. Please can all children ensure they have PE shoes in school as soon as possible. Sessions may be outdoors this term weather permitting. Please ensure ALL parts of the P.E kit are labelled clearly as mix ups can occur.

Music: Children will take part in a specialist music programme called Charanga and learn lots of new skills.

PSHCE: Children will be looking at identifying their own personal strengths and weaknesses, in order to understand how determination and courage play a large role in our development. They will utilise lots of speaking and listening skills with their teacher and peers in order to enhance their development.

R.E: The work this half term will focus on Christianity and the importance of the Bible.

Homework/Additional Information:

Children will take part in the Read, Write, Inc phonics Project and will receive homework on a weekly basis, they will bring a reading book and workbook home with small tasks to complete each night. **Homework should be handed in to school on a Tuesday and will be marked and sent back to you on a Wednesday.** Those who have completed Read, Write, Inc. will begin Oxford Reading Buddies – a new reading scheme that we have recently launched in school. More information will be sent home about this when necessary. Maths homework will be linked to work covered in class that week and will either be an online task set on DB Primary or Rockstar Maths. We will send log ins home in case you have misplaced these.

Children will bring home spellings to learn on a ‘look, say, cover’ sheet. Spelling sheets will be sent home every Friday. Children will be tested on these spellings the following Thursday and feedback will be provided in children’s spelling books. Spellings will focus on specific sounds (phonemes) but may also include some of the high frequency words or spelling rules we are covering this term.

Your child will bring home a school reading book, reading record and bookmark. Please read with your children as often as possible (around 10 minutes a night) and record comments in their books. Digital reward points which can be checked using DB Primary and bookmark stickers will be rewarded to the children for their reading efforts when books are returned to school. There are also a fantastic range of interactive games available in the ‘Learning Library’ of DB Primary which your child may wish to access at any point. You can bring the reading book in to school to be changed as and when you need to.

Children will bring home a free choice school library book (our library day will be confirmed soon). Children with books to change will have the opportunity to pick a new one when we visit each week.

PE days are **Tuesday** and **Friday** afternoons. All Year 2 pupils are provided with a school PE kit. Children should have socks and trainers/plimsolls in school for PE days. It would be beneficial if they have named socks and footwear that can be left in school for the whole term. **Please ensure all uniform items and footwear are named as mix-ups can occur during changing.** We have a permanent marker pen if you would like to come in to add names to your child’s clothes. If your child attends an after-school sports club, they must bring their own **PE kit from home** and trainers if not already in school.

Please ensure that children continue to bring a bag to school every day for any letters, spellings etc. Year 2 Show and Tell will take place on a Thursday afternoon. We will have themed weeks this year and look forward to seeing what you bring in.

Thank you for your continued help and support with your child’s learning. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Miss Storey, Miss Thompson, Mrs Brooks- Class Teachers
Mrs Heslop, Miss Truby and Miss Harle- Teaching Assistants