

Autumn 2016

Year 2 Newsletter

Welcome to a new school year!
We hope you all had a wonderful summer.

REMINDERS:

- Year 2 doors will open in the mornings at 8.45 and the children finish at 3.10.
- 2MR and 2BW will enter and exit via their classroom doors.
- Please ensure your child's PE kit is left in school. **If possible please supply your child with a pair of trainers and tracksuit for outside sessions.**

HOMEWORK:

- Your child will receive a half termly homework mat for English and Maths. The activities are to be completed over the half term and brought back to school signed in the last week of that term.
- The children will take home a school reading book each week and will also have free choice from our class library.
- Spellings will be sent home, once a week on a Wednesday, for you to practise with your child. The children will not be formally tested on these spellings but will be expected to spell them correctly in their writing.

CURRICULUM

Throughout the term our topic will be the **Seaside**. We will also study **Florence Nightingale** towards the end of the first term. All class work including History, Geography, Art, Computing and DT will link to these topics.

Our Come and See topics will be:

- **Beginnings** (God is present in every beginning)
- **Signs and Symbols** (Baptism)
- **Judaism** (Shabbat)
- **Preparing** (Advent)

Our English focuses throughout this term will be: recounts, instructions, fiction texts and poetry. It would be lovely if you could share a variety of seaside texts with your children at home or even have a trip to the seaside to collect materials and explore the surrounding areas!

Our Mathematics focuses will be:

- counting forwards and backwards in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s
- place value
- addition and subtraction

Our Science topic will be **Materials**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Trip to Southport – Wed 14th Sept
Y2 Reading Meeting – Wed 21st Sept
Parents Evening – 19th /20th Oct
Y2 Advent service – Fri 25th Nov

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Talk to your child about our Come and See topics and their meaning. Any photographs or items relevant to our topics would be welcome as they enrich our class discussions.
- Reading a variety of books with the children and discussing their purpose and features will support children's reading and English work.
- Practise their weekly spellings with them and find the words in the books you read together.
- Playing number games involving counting forwards and backwards and also spotting number patterns will make Maths fun and will increase their confidence.
- Practising number bonds to 10 and 20 and counting in 2s, 5s and 10s (forwards and back) will support children's calculation work.

.Exciting news!

As part of our seaside topic we will be making and eating ice-cream. We will shortly be sending a letter home asking the children to bring in some ingredients.

Thank you for all your support.
We look forward to an exciting year,
full of fun and learning!

The Year 2 Team