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Year 2 Newsletter – Autumn 1 2023-24

Dear families,

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide you with information and reminders which we hope you and child will find useful.

In our year group this term, we will have the following adults;

Cherry – Miss Toft, Mrs Kassam

Elder – Mrs Culverhouse, Miss Jensen, Mrs Measey and Miss O'Connor

Lime – Miss Peters, Mrs Prabhaker and Mrs Morgan

Juniper – Miss Wainwright and Miss Dempsey

Year Leader – Miss Wainwright

Lead TA – Mrs Fifoot

Assistant Headteacher – Mrs Fulford-Foy

Cover Supervisor – Miss Tahara

Sports Coach – Miss Bagshaw

Maths

During the first half of this half-term, we will be focusing on place value and using this to represent and partition numbers in different ways as well as to order and compare numbers. The children will then practice counting forwards and backwards in steps of 2, 5 and 10 and use this to find more or less. Following this, the focus will be on addition and subtraction and the children will learn and review different methods to use. Towards the end of the half term, the children will learn about money and solve problems involving money before learning how to find a half, quarter and third of a shape.

English

This half-term, the children will be writing a range of texts including recounts and newspaper reports, character descriptions, instructions and letters. They will be developing their understanding of different techniques and grammatical features including conjunctions, expanded noun phrases as well as how to use different sentence types. In addition, the children will secure their knowledge of how to use sentence punctuation including capital letters, full stops and end punctuation marks.

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Reading

In SQUIRT (super quality uninterrupted reading time), we will be reading Flat Stanley and Meerkat Mail and answering retrieval and inference questions based on these texts.

To further develop the children's reading skills, they will be visiting the school library once a week and will have the opportunity to check books out to read at home or within the classroom.

The children will visit the library on the following days:

Cherry – Thursday

Elder – Tuesday

Juniper – Monday

Lime – Wednesday

Phonics

During our daily Read, Write, Inc phonics sessions, the children will continue to develop their understanding of decoding, blending and segmenting words at a level appropriate for them. Once the children are secure with these skills, they will move onto applying them within spelling.

Science

During this half term's topic is 'The Human Body', the children will learn about the different systems within the body including the skeletal, muscular, digestive and circulatory systems. They will also learn about the essential needs of living things and the importance of exercise and its impact on the body.

Primary Knowledge Curriculum

This half term, we will be studying Geography and our topic will be Maps and Globes. Throughout the topic, the children will explore different types of maps and learn about their features and develop their understanding of locational language, including points of a compass. They will have the opportunity to apply their learning when creating their own maps and planning routes.

Our Art focus will be on colour, shape and texture. The children will use the colour wheel to make artistic choices about warm and cool colours and discover how to use geometric and organic shapes within their own artwork. In addition, they will also learn about the techniques used by different artists, including Matisse and Durer.

P.E.

Each week, the children will have one indoor PE lesson and one outdoor PE lessons. These will be taught either by their teacher or by Miss Bagshaw, our Sports Coach.

PE will take place on the following days:

Cherry – Tuesday and Thursday

Elder – Thursday and Friday

Juniper – Thursday and Friday

Lime – Tuesday and Friday

Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school on their PE days.

Computing

Computing this half term will be focused on sequences and algorithms. The children will learn what an algorithm is and use this to create their own specific instructions. We are very much looking forward to being able to use the laptops and computer room to explore algorithms!

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PSHE

During this half term's PSHE topic of Being Me in My World, the children will be identifying their hopes for and worries about the new school year, the responsibilities they have both within and outside of school and they will be developing their understanding of positive and negative consequences.

RE

This half term will be centred around Christianity and kindness. The children will learn about the importance of kindness and the Christian teachings about kindness.

Music

During our Music lessons, we will be practising songs for our Harvest Festival performance and developing our listening skills so we can imitate and learn new songs.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle (containing only water) with them every day. It is important for children to stay hydrated as part of their general well-being.

We look forward to a great start to Year 2!

Yours sincerely,

Miss Wainwright, Mrs Culverhouse, Miss Toft and Miss Peters

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