



Year 2 Newsletter – Spring 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

Elder – Mrs Culverhouse

Lime – Miss Bird (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) and Miss Tahara (Thursday and Friday)

Juniper – Miss Wainwright (Year Lead)

We will also have the following TAs who will be supporting across the year group: Mrs Morgan, Miss O'Connor, Mrs Measey, Mrs Ash, Mr Taylor, Mrs Akomah, Miss Dempsey and Mrs Fifoot, our Lead TA.

Also teaching within the year group is Miss Davies (Sports Coach), Miss Tahara (Cover Supervisor) and Mrs Fulford-Foy (Assistant Headteacher).

Maths

During the first two weeks of this half-term, the children will be learning about the different properties of 2D and 3D shapes and using these to compare and sort a range of shapes. In the third week, they will be practising their use of the column method for addition and subtraction and learn how to use the inverse to solve problems and check calculations. Following this, we will focus on finding halves, different quarters and thirds of shapes, sets of objects and quantities. We will end the half term by revising multiplication and division and learning about position and movement in the context of shape patterns.

Arithmetic sessions will take place every Friday and this half term we will continue to focus on addition and subtraction, in particular the recall and use of key addition and subtraction facts between 0 and 20.

English

This half-term, the children will be writing a range of texts including setting and character descriptions, narratives and tales. They will be learning about the different types and purposes of apostrophes, how to use commas in lists. They will also be developing their understanding of non-fiction texts and their features as well as the different techniques they can use to add detail to their writing.

Reading

In SQUIRT (super quality uninterrupted reading time), we will be reading different Roald Dahl texts including The Enormous Crocodile, The Twits and The Magic Finger. In both our reading comprehension sessions and our SQUIRT sessions, the children will be answering inference questions based on these texts as well as practising their scanning skills and discussing what they have read in detail.

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 – Tuesday

Elder – Thursday

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

This half-term's topic is focused on electricity. The children will identify where electricity is used, learn about electrical hazards and how to keep themselves safe around electricity and learn about different conductors and insulators. The children will also learn about what makes a circuit and use this knowledge to design their own circuit.

Primary Knowledge Curriculum

This half term, we will be studying Geography and our topic will be The British Isles. Throughout the topic, the children will learn about the countries that make up the British Isles including the different human and physical features that can be found here, the difference between rural and urban areas and learn about the geographical changes that have happened in the countries.

Our Art focus is on portraits and self-portraits. They will learn how to draw faces and add features and expressions and how to mix paint to achieve a particular skin tone to paint their self-portraits. They will also look at the work of Picasso and create a portrait inspired by his style.

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 Davies, our Sports Coach.

PE will take place on the following days:

Cherry – Monday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor)
Elder – Thursday (outdoor) and Friday (indoor)
Juniper – Tuesday (outdoor) and Friday (indoor)
Lime – Tuesday (indoor) and Friday (outdoor)

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

Computing

Computing this half term will be focused on animation. The children will learn about digital and non-digital animation and create their own flip books and stop-motion animation based on characters and storyboards they design.

PSHE

During this half term's PSHE topic of Dreams and Goals, the children will be setting their own goals and identifying how to achieve them, learn about the importance of teamwork and understand how to reflect on their successes.

RE

This half term will be centred around Judaism. The children will learn about the Jewish festival of Passover including what it is and how and why it is celebrated. They will also learn about the Jewish commandments and discuss how these show Jews' commitment to God.

Music

During our Music lessons, we will be continuing to developing our understanding of rhythm and pulse through a variety of songs and musical games. The children will also practise their pitch and their use of the singing and thinking voices.

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 another great term!

Yours sincerely,

Miss Wainwright, Mrs Culverhouse, Miss Toft, Miss Bird and Miss Tahara