



## **Year 2 Newsletter – Summer 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 and Miss Jensen

**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, Mrs Measey, Mrs Ash, Mr Taylor, Miss Dempsey, Mrs Mahoney, Miss Sheldrick and Mrs Fifoot, our Lead TA.

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

### **Maths**

This half term, we will be reviewing methods of addition and subtraction and using these to check calculations with the inverse and to solve different types of problems including word problems and missing number problems. Once we have learnt about different coins, we will use our addition and subtraction skills to add amounts of money and find change. We will practise finding fractions of shapes, quantities and numbers, focusing on finding halves, different quarters and a third. Following this, we will focus on multiplication and division and practise recalling key facts to solve problems as well as learn how to solve multiplication and division problems using repeated addition and subtraction. Finally, we will end the half term by learning about different types of graphs and answer questions about their data.

### **English**

This half-term, the children will be writing different types of non-fiction texts including recounts, letters and instructions as well as fictional texts including setting descriptions and a short narrative. We will recap the use of different grammatical techniques including conjunctions, tenses and different sentence types as well as recapping how to accurately use different pieces of punctuation.

## **Reading**

In SQUIRT (super quality uninterrupted reading time), we will be reading a range of texts including My Baking Book, Tuesday, Amazing Grace and Revolting Rhymes. In both our reading comprehension sessions and our SQUIRT sessions, the children will be using multiple skills and answering a range of VIPERS questions – vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval, summarise, sequence.

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 materials and their properties. The children will learn about the different properties and use these to compare different materials. They will also learn about George De Mestral's invention of Velcro before learning about the differences between solids, liquids and gases and how they move.

## **Primary Knowledge Curriculum**

This half term, we will be studying Geography and focusing on Mediterranean Europe. We will explore the different countries that are in this area, their climates and the human and physical features that can be found there. We will also learn about the different trades of these countries before comparing countries.

Our Art focus is on Anglo-Saxon art and we will learn about different art forms from this time before creating our own artwork based on these designs.

## **P.E.**

Each week, the children will have one indoor PE lesson and one outdoor PE lessons. These will be taught either by their class teacher or by one of our sports coaches, Mr Powell or Mr Brady.

PE will take place on the following days:

**Cherry** – Monday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor)

**Elder** – Tuesday (outdoor) and Friday (indoor)

**Juniper** – Tuesday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor)

**Lime** – Tuesday (outdoor) and Friday (indoor)

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

### **Computing**

This half term, we will learn about programming and have the opportunity to programme an avatar as well as create our own programmes which we will test and debug to achieve a specific outcome.

### **PSHE**

During this half term's PSHE topic of Relationships, we will explore the different relationships we have in our lives. We will reflect on what makes us happy and comfortable in these relationships as well as determine and evaluate different ways to problem solve within these relationships.

### **RE**

This half term will be centred around Judaism. We will learn about the ways Jews show commitment to God and why they are important, linking to our own commitments. We will also learn about Moses and why he is important to Jews.

### **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.

### **Coats and Hats**

We aim to go out in all weathers so please ensure your child has a waterproof coat with them every day, especially with how unpredictable the weather can be at this time of year. As the weather gets warmer, please also ensure your child has a suitable sun hat to protect them.

We look forward to another great term!

Yours sincerely,

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