

Year 2 Newsletter : Autumn 2 2021

Hello everyone!

Welcome back Year 2, we hope you have all had a wonderful break and are looking forward to some exciting learning this half term. We have all enjoyed getting to know your children over the past couple of months and we look forward to the weeks ahead as we all work together. At County Bridge we really enjoy seeing your children thrive and develop confidence in their learning. In order for this to continue, it is really important that your child attends school every day. As a year group we have one of the lowest attendances across the school and we would love to see a big improvement over the coming months.

As we begin a new half term, we have a busy time ahead! Please keep an eye out for any important news and dates for your diary in the school's weekly newsletter. If there are any issues you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to speak to us. Thank you again for your continued support, it has been lovely to see the children's reading diaries and the amazing challenges they have brought in! We can't wait to see what this half term brings.

Thank you, Miss Moyse, Miss Hodson, Mrs Parkin and Miss Jones.

Thematic Learning

Calling all palaeontologists! Join us as we prepare to step into the prehistoric age in our new topic 'Why did the dinosaurs become extinct?'

In History we will be learning about the different time periods dinosaurs lived in, how they became extinct and the relation to modern day creatures. We will explore the life of Mary Anning and her contribution to our understanding of the Jurassic world.

Within Geography, we will be exploring Pangaea and how the continents moved to form the world we know today.

We will also be using our research skills to find out more about these extinct creatures and discuss which animals are at risk of becoming extinct in modern times.

In art, we will be using mark making and exploring different materials to make fossil imprints using clay. We will also explore the use of water colours and silhouettes to create a background and foreground.

In Science, our topic is animals including humans. We will explore the life cycles of different animals and discover how children grow into adults. We will discuss healthy eating and what we need to grow.

Dates for your diary

Rock Out England, TT Rockstars competition
8th - 12th November

TT Rockstars day - 12th November

School photographer - 16th November

Children in Need - 19th November

7th & 8th December - Christmas performances
(tbc based on further Covid guidance)

Flu spray vaccinations - 9th December

Christmas pantomime at Forest Arts Centre-
14th December

Carol service - 16th December

(tbc based on further Covid guidance)

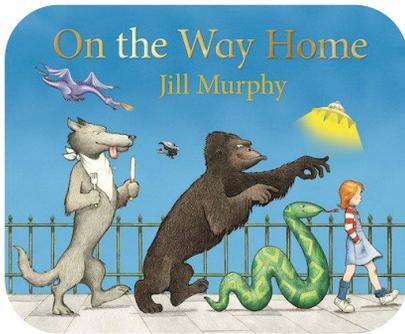
Christmas parties - 17th December



P.E

Please remember that it is school policy that your child wears a white t-shirt, dark bottoms and appropriate footwear for P.E.

P.E kits should be brought in on Monday and taken home on Friday to be washed.



Literacy

This half term we will be reading the wonderful story 'On the Way Home' by Jill Murphy. We will be using our reading skills to predict what might happen in the story. We will be retrieving clues from the text to create character descriptions as well as gathering information to make inferences about the story. The children will have opportunities to retell the story, write poetry and create their own version of 'On the Way Home'.

Numeracy

By the end of Year 2, all children should be able to recall the multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. If children can recall these facts securely it will support them moving forward in mathematics. This will be a big focus in Year 2 and we would value your support in helping your child practise at home. In class, we will also be extending and securing children's understanding of multiplication and division.

We will then be learning about fractions of shapes and numbers. We will also be developing our understanding of 3D shapes and their properties. We will be recognising the symbols of pounds and pence and adding different amounts of money. Then children will be using analogue clocks to describe clockwise and anticlockwise as well as finding time to the nearest five minutes. Children will also have the opportunity to recap statistics, deepen their understanding and apply their learning to solve problems.

Attendance and Punctuality

The continued message this year is of course that 'Every Day Matters' - Every day that your child misses is a day of learning lost. Please support us by ensuring that your child attends school every day and is in school on time. This is crucial after the missed learning that the Covid 19 closures may have caused. We would appreciate your support in ensuring every child is able to attend school every day as we continue to build their confidence and develop their learning.

Homework

At County Bridge, we aim to promote a love of reading and encourage children to explore a wide range of stories, poetry and non-fiction texts. Within school we offer a lot of opportunities for your child to read with an adult or independently and we would love to see this carry on at home. We ask that your child reads for 10-15 minutes each night. Reading books will be sent home each week and children will also have the opportunity to choose a book from the library. You may even want to share some of your own favourite stories and have the enjoyment of reading together!

Each child will have a reading journal that we ask you to complete at least **once a week** when you have read with your child. This helps to keep an open communication between parents and the school. We also love to find out what your child has been reading at home!

Weekly spellings will be sent home on a Friday for your child to practise using Look, Cover, Write and Check. Your child is expected to learn these spellings by the following week and should practise writing the words in context through varied sentences.

Your child will also receive a thematic homework challenge this week as part of our new theme 'Why did the dinosaurs become extinct?' This activity has been created as an opportunity for you and child to work collaboratively and should reflect the learning we will be undertaking at school. It can be handed in at any point during this half term. We look forward to seeing where their creativity takes them!

As children are now familiar with Purple Mash, homework will be set on Friday's using this online tool. It is expected that your child completes their homework by Wednesday morning, allowing children the opportunity to speak to teachers on Monday or Tuesday if they do not understand.