

Year 2 Newsletter : Spring 1 2022

Hello everyone!

Happy New Year to all our wonderful children and their families. We hope you have had a restful break and have returned feeling refreshed as we look forward to another exciting term ahead. We would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for their support during the Autumn term with a special thanks for those who volunteered for our school trips.

We have another busy term ahead and we value your continued support at home through reading with your child and working collaboratively on our challenge homework. We had some fantastic homework challenges for our dinosaur topic! We have a new challenge for our Spring 1 Thematic lessons and we look forward to seeing more amazing creations!

As always, if there are any questions or concerns that you have, please do not hesitate to speak to one of the Year 2 team.

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

Thematic Learning

Our new Thematic topic is 'Why should we save the rainforest?'

For this theme, we will be having a clear focus on our geography skills. We will be locating countries on a map using an atlas, creating our own maps using symbols and a key and exploring more about the locations and climates of the world's rainforests.

Using our historical knowledge and skills, we will be researching the life of Francis De Orellana and his work in South America.

We will also be recapping the work of Henri Rousseau and his artistic influences from the rainforest.

We will explore the indigenous tribes of the Brazilian rainforest and which animals live in this habitat. We will also be researching the threats of deforestation and what we can do to help save the rainforest.

In Science, our new topic is 'Everyday materials'. We will be developing our observational skills and using simple tests to explore a range of materials. We will be gathering and recording data to ask questions and explore the suitability of items based on their properties. We will also be comparing natural and man made materials.

Dates for your diary

Please look out for important dates on our weekly newsletters and the school website.



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

Our wonderful new text in literacy is 'The Bog Baby' by Jeanne Willis and it has been planned to ignite children's imagination in a magical and mysterious way. In literacy this half term, we will be focusing on a range of both fiction and non-fiction texts such as letters, instructions, character descriptions and diary entries. In reading comprehension, we will be working on using our inference skills to answer specific questions in a range of genres.

Numeracy

In mathematics, we will be building on our learning from the Autumn term, applying our knowledge to solve problems and deepen our understanding of the key areas. We will be using our understanding of time to solve word problems and develop our skills to tell the time to quarter past and quarter to the hour as well as telling the time to five minute intervals. We will be continuing to partition numbers to find place value, then applying this learning to solve addition and subtraction questions. Using number lines and mental methods, we will be finding different ways to solve calculations and will be using inverse operations to check our answers. When learning about shape, children will be drawing and naming shapes and finding their properties. We will recap our learning around money and build fluency when recognising different coins and finding different combinations of money.

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. Year 2 have not had a 100% attendance so far this year, let's try to hit this target during the Spring term. Please support us by ensuring that your child attends school every day and is in school on time. 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. We have seen the positive impacts of good attendance on children's confidence and progress and would love to see this continue into the new year.

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. Each child has 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 should we save the rainforest?'. It is expected that every child completes this piece of work which can be handed in at any point during this half term. This task is an opportunity to work with your child and discuss their learning in the classroom. We look forward to seeing where their creativity takes them!

Homework will be set on Friday using Purple Mash. 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. We also ask that children go on Times table Rock stars as much as possible to improve fluency and recall, with the expectation being they go on at least once a week. If you have any issues using this online tool, please speak to us.