

Year 2 Newsletter : Spring 2 2022

Welcome back to a new term, we hope that you have had a restful break and have come back feeling refreshed. In Year 2, we want every child to have the best opportunities to learn and part of this is ensuring they are in school every day. Year 2's attendance in Spring 1 was poor therefore we would love to see a big push on attendance and hopefully we can keep moving forward in the school attendance race!

We appreciate the support of our parents in helping your child at home. We would love for this to continue by reading with your child daily and supporting them to access and complete homework. We would like to see children practising their times tables through the use of TT Rock stars. As times table recall and speed is a big focus in Year 2, please encourage your child to log on and practise every week.

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 'Would you live in a castle?'

In this topic we will be looking at the features of castles and the purpose of these in defending castles during battle. We will be locating famous British castles using an atlas and consider the geographical locations of these castles.

We will be researching the Battle of Hastings and considering our own opinions regarding who deserved the throne. As part of this research we will be learning about the 'Bayeux Tapestry' and using a running stitch to create our own embroidery scene.

Children will be learning more about who lived in castles and the different jobs within the castle. Based on our learning, children will be deciding if they would want to live in a castle, and if so, where would they build one in the local area

In Science, we are continuing with our topic, '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

World Book Day - Wednesday 9th March

Warwick Castle Trip - Wednesday 16th
March

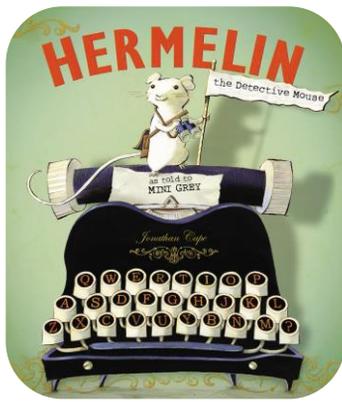
Red Nose Day - Friday 18th March



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. Jewellery is not allowed, so please ensure earrings are removed before the lesson on Wednesdays.

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



Literacy

This half term, our literacy work is based on the book 'Hermelin' by our class author, Mini Grey. Children will be continuing to develop their key skills through a range of writing styles. Children will be completing settings descriptions, Wanted posters and invitations. This text also provides wonderful opportunities for children to write letters and newspaper reports. Supporting your child by reading a wide range of texts and practising their spellings will also help to improve and develop the writing expectations for Year 2.

Numeracy

In mathematics, we will start by building on our previous skills in multiplication and division. We will begin by using arrays for multiplication and move on to showing multiplication as repeated addition. For division, children will be sharing to find factors and building on this to show division as repeated subtraction. Children will then be reading, collating and recording data and using this to compare and reason based on our findings. After this, we will be focusing on position and direction as children begin to use 'clockwise' and 'anticlockwise' to describe turns. They will also be applying their knowledge of fractions to describe $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ and whole turns.

Children will also be recapping and applying their understanding of measure to word problems.

Alongside our daily maths lessons, we will be having a strong focus on times tables and recall. Children will be practising their times tables daily. Support from home and encouraging children to use TT Rock stars will greatly support their progress.

Attendance and Punctuality

As always, the continued message is 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, we understand there were challenges during Spring 1 but let's try to hit this target during the Spring 2! 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.

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 **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.