

Year 2's Newsletter : Spring 1 2019

Welcome back to Year 2.

It is the start of an exciting new term and I would like to start by wishing you all a happy new year and hope you had a wonderful Christmas.

Our new thematic topic this half term is Street Detectives. I am really excited about this new topic and I know that the children are going to enjoy it too! As you may have seen, last term we had a huge response to our homework challenges and with your continued support we hope that this half term's challenges will be just as engaging. As we welcome in a new year, we are hoping to get 100% attendance every week and I hope you can support us in this.

Should you have any queries or questions please feel free to discuss them with Miss Hodson or Mrs Parkin. Thank you again.

This way or that way? Where should we go? Up the local shops or down to the playing fields? Let's learn about our local community, looking at houses old and new and finding out how our streets have changed since our parents and grandparents were young.

In Art and Design, we will be learning about local artists and what impact they have had on the history of our town.

In Geography, we will be learning how to identify human and physical features, use and create maps with keys and link them to aerial images.

In History, we will be learning how to explain changes within and beyond living memory and will talk about significant people, places and events in the local area.

In Computing, we will be learning about algorithms and how to debug them.

In P.S.H.E, we will be learning how to help our local community and how to improve the local area.



Dates for your diary

Thursday 31st January- Trip to the Black Country Living Museum.



P.E

We encourage all children to bring their full P.E kit into school on Monday and take it home on Friday.

Please ensure that your child has a white t-shirt, dark bottoms (shorts or joggers) and appropriate footwear.



Literacy

In literacy this half term we will be focusing on non-fiction texts such as letters, reviews and menus. We will be reading a story called 'Mrs Wobble the Waitress' that is set in Victorian times. Children will also be writing fiction texts, identifying how and why a character's feelings may change throughout the story.

Numeracy

In numeracy this half term we will be learning how to find fractions of shapes and amounts by sharing equally and learning division facts involving 2, 5 and 10 times tables. There will still be a focus on times tables which I hope you can support with at home so that the children can reach the end of year expectations for Year 2 or above. We will also be weighing objects in standard units and learning how to measure different capacities accurately. There will be a high focus on using the correct language of mathematics and explaining reasoning when discussing different methods.

Attendance and Punctuality

The continued message from last 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 ready to start their learning by 8.50am. This half term, Year 2 are aiming for 100%.

Homework

In Year 2, children are expected to develop some independent learning skills. This includes reading (approx 10-15 minutes per night). We are trying to encourage a love of reading at County Bridge and would love you to share some of your favourite books, stories, poems etc with your child. Reading books are also sent home from school & your child has the opportunity to take a free choice book out from our school library.

Your child also has a Reading Journal - We encourage you to write in this book when you hear your child read. We would really love to create a dialogue between parents and school. Thanks.

Individual spellings are sent home. Your child is expected to learn their spellings by carrying out Look, Cover, Write & Check and then using the spellings in context by writing interesting and varied sentences. Spelling tests will be carried out every Thursday.

Year 2 will receive their Topic Homework Challenges on Friday. They have been designed so that parents and children can work together on homework and develop conversation and language skills. We hope that you enjoy them.

Homework is due back in school by Wednesday at 9am. This gives children an opportunity to speak to their teacher on Monday or Tuesday if there is something that they don't understand.