

Year 2's Newsletter : Spring 2 2019

Welcome back to Year 2.

Our new thematic topic this half term is 'Muck, Mess and Mixtures'. I am really excited about this new topic and I know that the children are really going to enjoy it too! As you may have seen, last term we had a good response to our homework challenges and with your continued support we hope that this half term's challenges will be even bigger and better as they are just as engaging. We are now officially half way through the academic year with lots of learning still to be done, this is why it is so important that your child attends school every single day and on time.

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

Let's get messy! Muck and mess is good! In fact, it's mega marvellous and unlocks a lot of learning as we will be writing recipes and instructions for our crazy creations. Don't worry about the mess anything we use will wash out. Children will be asked to bring some old clothes into school, for example an old t-shirt or shirt and some old tracksuit bottoms or trousers for any super messy activities. You will receive more information about this in the near future.

In Art and Design, we will be learning how to print images, create art from a range of starting points, colour mix and use clay. We will also learn about the work of some very famous artists.

In DT, we will be learning how to use different joining materials and methods and we will be creating simple thumb pots using clay.

In P.H.S.E, we will learning about safety around medicines and household products.

In computing, we will be learning about ICT and how it can be used outside of school.



Dates for your diary

World Book Day - 8th March
Parents' Evening - Thursday 28th February
Inspire Morning- 14th March



P.E

We encourage all children to bring their full P.E kit into school on Monday and take it home on Friday. Year 2 will have P.E on a Tuesday morning.

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 concentrating on applying knowledge of story elements, such as settings, dialogue, character descriptions, story language and structures, to our own writing. We will be reading and focusing on texts from our significant author- Mini Grey. Children will also be focusing on non fiction texts by writing a report about Pests.

Numeracy

In numeracy this half term we will be focusing on multiplication and division. We will be using the repeated addition method to solve multiplication calculations and the repeated subtraction method to solve division calculations. We will be learning about data handling how to read and understand bar charts and will learn how to ask and answer questions about them. There will also be a high focus on applying mathematical skills in a range of contexts and using the correct vocabulary when discussing different methods.

Attendance and Punctuality

The continued message from last half term 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.

Homework

In Year 2, children are expected to develop some independent work skills. This includes reading (approx 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 sent home from school & your child has the opportunity to take a free choice book out from our school library. It is extremely important with the run up to SATs that children are reading on a regular basis.

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

Individual spellings are also sent home. Your child is expected to learn their spellings by carrying out Look, Cover, Write & Check .

Year 2 will receive their Topic Homework Challenges on Friday. They have been designed so that parents and children can work together on homework tasks. 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.