

Year Two Newsletter

January 2018

Welcome

All the teachers and teaching assistants in Year Two would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy new year. This term we will be welcoming two PGCE students from the University of Birmingham. Miss Eleanor Morrow will work in 2B and Miss Cliona Corrigan in 2R.



English

This half term in English we will be consolidating our use of correct punctuation, including the use of question marks, exclamation marks and commas in lists. We will be looking at factual texts and thinking about the best way to present information including the use of headings, sub-headings and diagrams. We will be doing this through learning about Emperor penguins.

We will then be continuing our icy, polar lands theme with a visual literacy unit based around the film Happy Feet.

The Chinese New Year is being celebrated on February 16th and this year is the year of the Dog.



To round off this half term we will learn the story of the Chinese New Year and some of the customs associated with it. We will present the story in cartoon form. This story and format allows the children to practise their use of questions and exclamation sentences. You may want to read this story with your child beforehand and, when the time comes, go and see the fabulous celebrations in the city. We will continue to work on our spelling and letter formation.

Mathematics

This half term we will be learning to divide. We will learn how multiplication and division are the inverse of each other and how multiplication is commutative but division is not. We will then move on to gathering data, presenting it in tables and charts and asking and answering questions about the data. Following that we will revise our knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes, naming, sorting and comparing them. We will learn about the number and shape of faces, the number of vertices, the number of edges and whether they are straight or curved, whether shapes have right angles and can roll or stack. Finally, before half term we will practise using a ruler to measure height and length accurately.

Science

Our Science this half term is based around living things and their habitats. This will include thinking about how penguins are adapted to living in the freezing, icy Antarctic, considering how we know whether things are alive, dead or have never lived and also looking at simple food chains. You could support your child by discussing these ideas at home and maybe exploring the National Geographic kids website together.



Workshop

This is advanced notice that on Friday February 9th from 9am–10.30 am you are invited to join your child in school for a Mathematics workshop. Details will be sent in a separate letter soon.

Thank you, from the Year Two Team.

Mrs Griffin, Mrs Hegarty, Mrs Wallach, Mrs Boraston, Mrs Egginton, Mrs Smart and Mrs Bishop

PE

This term our PE lessons will be every Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure named PE kits are in school ready for these sessions. This term we will be covering dance and gymnastics.



Computing

This term we will be photographers! We will be looking at what makes a good photograph, taking photographs using the camera and iPad, then using and enhancing our photos to create a collage about ourselves which we feel would be safe to put on the internet. Please be reassured that we will not actually put anything on the internet.

Design Technology

To fit in with our geography this term, the children will each be making a globe.

PSHE

To link in with our computing this half term we will begin by revisiting what we have learned about online safety. We will then be learning about respecting ourselves and others and learning to appreciate the differences between ourselves and other people. We will start to think about different communities and our place within them.



Geography

In Geography this half term we will be learning to know the seven continents and five oceans of the world. We will begin by locating them on maps and globes. We will look closely at the shape of the continents and try to draw them to put on our globe. We will also learn a few things about how they are different, for example Antarctica is a frozen land. To link in with our science theme we will think about what lives on the different continents and in the different oceans and how their habitats vary. You can support your child's learning by looking at maps and globes with them at home and maybe visiting the library to look for a book about the world.



Music

In our music lessons we will be having fun learning about rock style music. We will listen carefully, give our opinions, sing, improvise and perform.

RE

To link in with our PSHE we will be thinking about creating unity and harmony. We will learn the story of the Good Samaritan and what Christianity teaches about working together and we will also learn what Muslims teach about getting on with each other and that we all have a part to play.

