



Dear families,

Welcome to Autumn term in Year 2. We have an exciting term ahead!

The adults supporting your children in class are as follows:

2N: Teacher: Miss Nield

LSAs: Mrs Deane and Mrs Cosgrove

2MB: Teachers: Mrs McRae and Mrs Betts

LSAs: Mrs Spink

P.E days are Wednesday and Thursday. Please send your children into school in their school P.E kit on these days.

Read on below to find out what your children will be learning this term.

English

This term we will be beginning our English learning with a focus on grammar and punctuation in order to embed the foundational writing skills. We will then be using our Talk for Writing text 'Zig the Alien' with our focus being on describing the setting. The children will develop their descriptions using adjectives and prepositions and will also explore a range of sentence starters to engage their readers. As a class, we create a writing toolkit which the children will continually refer to and build upon. This allows them to become independent creative writers. Following on from this, we will introduce the children to non-fiction texts through diary writing. After half term, we use the story 'Lost and Found' to continue to develop their descriptive writing, using adverbs and conjunctions.

Reading and phonics will be taught daily during Read, Write Inc and comprehension sessions.

Maths

We will start the autumn term by focusing on number and place value. The children will be working on numbers up to 100 and recognising the value of each digit in a 2-digit number. There will be lots of practical opportunities, using concrete apparatus, to reinforce concepts. This will be combined with pictorial and abstract work too. We will then use these skills and apply these to the following unit on addition and subtraction. Next, our focus will be on geometry, naming 2D and 3D shapes and their properties.

Science

Our science topic in the first half of the term focuses on the uses of everyday materials. They will be identifying and comparing the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses. They will also be describing how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, stretching and twisting. There will be lots of opportunities for the children to work scientifically, investigating a variety of questions about materials.

Other subjects

History: Our topic this term is 'Toys from the Past'. The children will be shown and have the opportunity to play with toys dating back decades. They will draw comparisons between toys they play with now and examine why changes have been made from the Victorian era to current times. They will look at simple chronology and timelines to support their understanding of changes within living memory. We would encourage parents and grandparents to talk with the children about the types of toys and games they played with when they were children and, if you still have any of those toys, we would love for photos to be sent in with the children to show and then be added to our toys display.

Art: We will learn about the famous artist Andy Warhol and be using printing techniques to create artwork.

P.E: Our units will be 'Fundamentals', 'Ball Skills', 'Dance' and 'Team Building'.

Computing: The children will learn about computing systems and networks around us. We will also spend time teaching the children how to stay safe online.

RE: This term, the focus will be on light and how it is considered to be an important symbol in different religions. They will then move on to looking at the nativity story and the importance of its meaning to Christians.

PSHE: Our units are 'Being Me in My World' and 'Celebrating Difference'.

D.T: Puppets- sewing

Music: Our unit will be 'Playing in an Orchestra'. We will spend the second part of the term learning our songs for the Christmas nativity.