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Dear Parents,

We have a busy term ahead! Children will be practising for their class assembly which takes place on the 7th March. We are also going on our trip to Martin Mere on the 14th March and the wild workshop is coming to visit us with lots of exciting creatures on the 28th February. We will be preparing the children for the SATS examinations that take place in May. For those of you that attended the first SATS support session, I hope it was informative and we look forward to welcoming you to the next one on Wednesday 28th February.

Below is some useful information and an indication of the teaching and learning that will take place over the next half term. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to talk to me in the morning before school, after school or contact me via the school office telephone number.

P.E

Our new topic this term is gymnastics. I have noticed that some children do not have a P.E kit in school. Please ensure that your child has a full P.E kit in school, including pumps.

Reading

Thank you for your continuing support in reading with your child at home. Children should read every night, even if it is only a few pages. We do encourage children in year 2 to be independent ensuring that their reading book is in their book bag before they come to school and also signed by an adult.

Times Tables

It is evident that the children have been practising their times tables at home, so thank you for your support with this. As mentioned in the previous curriculum letter, our focus in year 2 is to become fluent with our 2s, 3s, 5s and 10 times tables.

Thank you for your support

Mrs Robinson
Year 2 Teacher

Curriculum - Spring term two

Literacy

Children will read a range of non-fiction texts, identifying organisational features of the text including index pages, glossary and title pages. Children will discuss how diagrams, charts, labels and captions are used in non-fiction texts. Children will also investigate and record the key features of explanation texts. The aim being to create their own non-fiction text about a subject of their choice.

Spellings

Please continue to practise spellings at home. The list of spellings that we need to learn in year 2 is in the booklet that was given out at the start of the year. If you need a copy of the booklet please let me know. We continue to work hard on our spellings at school.

Comprehension work

We continue to access reading comprehensions weekly and becoming more confident with finding answers and creating quality sentences for our answers. Asking your child questions after they have read with you really supports this process and means they are understanding what they are reading and not simply reading robotically.

Mathematics

This term we will be looking at a range of maths skills, including division, inverse operations, problem solving and reasoning. This will be through a range of practical activities which will involve the children using and applying the skills they learn to real life contexts.

RE - Easter Symbols

Exploration of Easter symbols - The Paschal candle, the cross and the bread and wine. The difference between secular popular Easter images and Christian symbols that have a deeper meaning. Looking at how the Church celebrates Easter. The aim of this unit is to give children an understanding that symbols are pictures or objects with a deeper meaning and a story to tell.

Topic

Please see the attached topic plan for this term.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your support

Mrs Robinson