

Welcome back!
A very warm welcome back Year 2!
I hope that you have all had a restful Easter break spent with family and friends.
As always, if there are any questions or queries which arise over the course of this half term, please try and catch me on the door at the end of the day, or alternatively make an appointment with the office.

Don't Forget:
P.E. will continue to take place on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon.
Reading books will be changed as regularly as the children read them, but we would ask if you could read with your child at least 3-4 times a week. Thank you.

English:
This half term children will be looking at the fictional story of 'The Magic Finger', by Roald Dahl. Children will read and understand the text using the comprehension skills VIPERS, and complete their own independent write for a fantasy story.
Children will also complete a non-fiction read based on the rising problem of 'Plastic Pollution.' They will independently write a persuasive text to inform people about the dangers of plastic pollution.
In poetry children will read and recite the famous poem of 'The Owl and the Pussy Cat.'

Maths:
We have a busy term again in maths! Year 2 will be learning about: measurements, position and direction. Their morning work each day will look back at all of the maths topics they have covered so far this year, to reinforce their knowledge and understanding of each topic. Children will then use games, discussion and workbooks to consolidate each weekly topic. Children are still learning their 2, 5, 10 and 3 times tables.

Science:
The children will be learning about the Biology topic of: Living things and their habitats. Year 2 will explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead and have never been alive. Children will then identify that most living things require a habitat to which they are suited and describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on one another.

Phonics:
In Year 2, children have all completed their Phonics screening, and all children should be extremely proud of themselves!
Children will continue with the Read, write Inc. Phonics, which will be looking at the different spelling rules and patterns. This will link very closely to the weekly spellings set on a Monday. Each child will be read with by either the class teacher, Miss Zaman or Mrs Patel, at least once a week.

Computing:
Children will be using technology to create, store, organise, retrieve and manipulate digital content. The children will use basic search tools in a prepared database to answer simple questions e.g. How many children have brown hair?

P.E.:
This half term children will be concentrating on Athletics. They will look at developing their running, jumping and throwing skills. Especially focusing on the events that take place in the Olympic Games.

R.E.:
In Year 2, children look at special place, especially focusing on a Church building. We will participate in a tour of St. James' Church by Reverend Joanne, discussing which parts are important and why. The children then compare other places of worship in different faiths.

P.S.H.E.:
This term, children will be focusing on keeping safe. They will understand how to keep safe in their everyday surroundings. They will also think about the difference between secrets and nice surprises.

Art:
Children will be going to produce a self-portrait in the style of Leonardo Da Vinci. They will then evaluate and analyse creative work using the language of art, craft and design.

Music:
Children will listen to and appraise 'The Friendship Song.' A song created by Joanna Mangona and Pete Readman. The song is about being friends. We will appraise the melody, instruments and tempo of the song.

Geography:
Children will be comparing Blackpool and Cockburn Town in the Bahamas. Children will draw upon their compass knowledge and their recognition of key landmarks; both physical and human features in order to identify the similarities and differences between these two places.

History:
Children will be researching 'Blackpool,' showing an interest and curiosity about Blackpool beach holidays in the past and compare these summer holidays to Blackpool now.

D.T.:
Year 2 will design, make and evaluate a range of seaside snacks. The children will decide what types of food would be good to take to the beach and why. They will make their own sandwiches, fruit sculptures and decorate cakes.