

# 2W Curriculum Newsletter Autumn Term 1 2024



**Mrs Williamson**

## **Welcome back!**

A very warm welcome back Year 2!

We hope that you all had a restful summer break. Please can we reassure you all that if you have any questions or queries, do not hesitate to contact the school office and make an appointment to speak to myself.

## **Don't Forget:**

P.E. will take place on Tuesday and Thursday.

Spellings will be given in a log book for children to practise at home. Please ensure these are brought to school daily.

Reading books will be changed as regularly as the children read them, but we would ask if you could read with your child 3-4 times a week.

## **English:**

This half term, there will be a strong focus on letters. Our fictional text is: The Jolly Postman. Children will explore a range of letters that the Jolly Postman delivers to the fairy tale characters and will have a go at independently writing their own fairy tale. Pop it in the post is our non-fiction text, and children will take their understanding of this text type and have a go at writing their own letter. Finally, children will plan their own shape poem based on the Raindrop poem.

## **Maths:**

This half term we will be focusing on place value number work and the 2 operations of adding and subtracting. We will be using a lot of practical equipment for this. We will spend a lot of time understanding the difference between 10s and 1s and all the ways in which we can add them together.

## **Science:**

The children will be learning about the Biology topic of: Animals Including Humans. Year 2 will develop their understanding of the topic through a range of experimental research and child based discussion around how humans and animals grow, develop and what their essential needs are in order to survive.

## **Phonics:**

In Year 2, the children will be following the Read Write Inc. scheme. They will be looking at a different range of spelling rules, which will be reinforced in their weekly spellings. Children will have the opportunity to recap the previous sounds through their discrete phonics lessons and English lessons. Each child will read with their class teacher at least once a week.

## **Computing:**

In Year 2 this term, the children will be beginning to create and write their own personal and group emails to their peers. Children will pay close attention to how to ensure that they are always safe online and what they should do if they are concerned that they are not.

## **P.E.:**

Children will be participating in a range of invasion games, specifically looking at ball skills.

Children will practise a range of passing and moving skills with their partners and in a game.

## **R.E.:**

Our focus this term is on the Christian special book, the Bible. We will find out why Christians think that it is important. We will receive a visit from our local vicar to see how she uses it and find out how people in history have also used it. We will compare the Bible to special holy books from different faiths.

## **P.S.H.E.:**

The children will be learning about how to be healthy, in our minds and bodies. We will discuss a range of strategies to use daily.

## **Music:**

In Music this term Year 2 will be investigating how we can make friends when we sing together, through the song, 'Hands, Feet and Heart.'

## **Geography:**

In Geography we will be comparing the similarities and differences between Blackburn and the Bahamas. As well as looking at basic compass directions.

## **History:**

This term, the children will be researching global history and how it has changed over time, specifically looking at the first aeroplane flight conducted by The Wright Brothers.

## **D.T.:**

In Year 2 we will be researching, designing, creating and evaluating a range of puppets based upon fairy-tales.