

# Year 2 Newsletter

## Spring One 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Spring Term! I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas – I'm sure the children are excited to tell me all about their presents and what they got up to over the holidays. Here are some of the things that will be going on this half term...

### Literacy

Our main book this half term will be *The Gruffalo*. This story offers a fantastic opportunity for the children to examine some poetry techniques and create their own Gruffalo stories. We will also have a look at turning the story into a play script and write an information text all about Gruffalos. In all our writing, we will look at using "when" and "if" to open sentences and using "so", "or" and "that" as conjunctions to join sentences together (eg. I hope that...)

### Maths

The children did brilliantly with some of the more challenging areas of the curriculum last half term, but we will be revising these to help us with other areas in Spring. For example, halves, quarters and multiples of 5 will help us to understand time better. We will also continue to work on new strategies for addition and subtraction, and make sure we can use the correct units of measurement.

### Science

There will be lots of opportunities for the children to work scientifically in our Wiggle and Crawl topic to investigate and examine the habitats of different living things. We will continue to look at our natural environment, looking for different places animals and insects live around school, and the materials they use to build their habitats.

### PE

One PE session will take place on Tuesday and Friday afternoons as usual, and the children will take part in sessions on gymnastics and Basketball. Please ensure that children have their PE kits in every week. They may wear dark coloured tracksuit bottoms or leggings and trainers for outdoor PE, but need pumps for indoor lessons.

### Wiggle and Crawl

We will be spending a lot of time this half term learning about minibeasts! The children will have a chance to examine different types of insects and carry out investigations to find out more about food chains and how creepy crawlies survive. They will also learn about how insects change as they grow! They will also complete some fieldwork in Geography.

Open session: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February, 3:00-3:30pm

### Art, Design Technology and Music

The children will be spending some time drawing from observation, learning how important it is to look carefully to make sure their drawings are accurate. They will also be creating some moving bugs in design technology, thinking about the materials they should use and how they should be put together. In music, they will look at both tuned and untuned instruments, learning the difference and discussing different ways in which they can be used.

### RE

In our topic "The Good News", children will have the opportunity to learn and retell some of the miracles that Jesus performed in order to improve the lives of people who were suffering around him. They will also talk about God's unconditional love and the importance of forgiveness. Towards the end of the half term, we will also be discussing Lent, and the true meaning of our Lenten promises.

### Computing

In Computer Science and Information Technology this half term, the children will be practising all of their new skills while learning to understand more about the internet and how it can be used. They will be searching safely for information, use tabs to view different sites and understand how different files have different extensions. They will also begin to talk about "the cloud" and how work can be saved there.

Wiggle and Crawl homework sheets will be sent home in the first week, as usual, and Topic homework will be expected every other week. Spellings will also be sent regularly to be practised daily alongside reading and times tables. A Maths activity will be set and children should complete their weekend writing diary weekly. This will only change towards the end of this half term, when children begin bringing home practise SATs papers instead. There will be another meeting about SATs at some point this half term, and you will be informed of the date for this as soon as possible.

Miss Turner and Mrs Disley