



# Year 2 Spring Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Our topic this term is "Our World". In February, we have our Arts week and our focus will be on India. We have a dance company coming in to teach some Indian dance and we hope to have an Indian evening, where children can come back to school and enjoy some Indian food and fun. There will be a letter about this soon.

In Humanities, our focus is on learning about the World Map and identifying the seven continents and five oceans. In History, the children have started learning about the polar explorer Edward Shackleton and his achievements. The children will find out about his life and how to place events in chronological order.

Mrs Buckley teaches music in both classes and this term will teach the children to play Ocarina's. They will listen to Indian music and make up their own simple Indian inspired pieces.

In Maths, we will be moving on from addition and subtraction to focus on multiplication and division. We will initially link multiplication to repeated addition of equal groups. We will be counting in steps of 2, 5, 10 and 3 and representing this in different ways such as arrays. We will introduce the multiplication and division symbols and explore division as both grouping and sharing. This will then link to fractions of objects, numbers, shapes and quantities. We will also be looking at some statistics and measures and how to read different scales.

In English, we're going to learn, act out, retell and make up our own traditional tales. Please share as many of these as you can at home. We are starting with Little Red Riding Hood.

In Computing, we will be learning how to log-on to the new Chromebooks. We will then learn how to create our own short presentations linked to our geography learning and hopefully even make a quiz to challenge our friends!

In PE we will be improving our movement and balance as well as developing our coordination with ball skills. With Miss Sloman the children will be working on team games such as netball, developing simple tactics for attack and defence. We will also be exploring flight and rotation in gymnastics using different apparatus.

In Art, we are learning about light, dark and shading to create the scary scenes from Little Red Riding Hood.

Please continue to work on spellings and read regularly at home.

Many thanks

Mr Mortimer, Mrs Ruddick and Mrs Buckley.