

# Year 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Spring Two 2019**

Welcome back to Spring Term! We are now over half way through the year and, as always, the children are going to be very busy before the Easter holidays!

## Literacy

Our new books for this half term are going to be *The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark* by Jill Tomlinson and *Eddie's Garden* by Sarah Garland. Whilst reading, we will be looking at instructions, information leaflets and creating our own version of the story. In grammar sessions we will be continuing to think a lot about past tense and present tense, recognising compound nouns and using expanded noun phrases.

## Maths

A large number of our Maths lessons this half term will be dedicated to multiplication and division this half term and the relationship between the two. We will also go back to the properties of shapes and do some additional work on time. Please be aware that the children will be expected to read the time on an analogue clock.

## Science

The children have thoroughly enjoyed the science aspect of our previous topics, and this will hopefully continue as we start to examine plants and what they need to survive. There will be opportunities to examine different types of plants and herbs, and we may even plant some of our own vegetables and flowers!

## PE

One PE session will take place on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday morning, as usual, and the children will take part in sessions on football and dance. 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.

## Scented Garden

Our new topic follows on nicely from our work on minibeasts last half term. Rather than examining creepy crawlies and where they live, we will be thinking about what their habitats need to grow and why they are important. We will also use our senses to discuss the differences between different types of herbs and flowers.

Open session: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 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. In Design Technology we will be thinking about the food we can make from plants that grow in our environment. 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

We are now preparing for Easter and have already spent some time discussing what we might give up for Lent and why. Over the next few weeks, the children will be learning all about the importance of this time of year and why we celebrate it. They will also be thinking about different parts of Mass, with a particular focus on the Offertory and Communion.

## Computing

The children's computer skills are improving all the time, and we are now starting to think about how we can use our skills for different purposes. In Data Handling sessions, we will be learning how we can use spreadsheets, create pictograms and use suitable questions in branching databases.

SATs preparation is well underway and this will have an impact on homework now. Children will still receive Scented Garden homework sheets and spellings to practise. However, they will also be bringing home Maths and Reading practise SAT papers regularly. These do NOT need to be returned to school – you may take as long as you like to complete them but they are vital in getting to know the types of questions asked. The SATs workshop will take place on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February. If you cannot attend but would like a copy of the Powerpoint, please let me know. The most important dates are the SATs weeks which will run throughout May. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to catch us at the door in a morning or evening, or contact to school office to arrange a meeting.

*Miss Turner and Mrs Disley*