



Year 2 Newsletter - Autumn 2023.

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It's been lovely to welcome the children back to school. We are starting the term with lots of fun activities to get to know each other and establish class rules and routines. Please bear with us at home time: It takes a while to get to know all the parents and carers and we want to make sure the children get out of school safely, with the correct grown up.

Our topic this term is all linked to Dinosaurs. More details from each subject area can be found below:

English

We will start the term with the book *The Colour Monster* to talk about different feelings and ways to cope with them. This is a great way to help children recognise and talk about different feelings and we will refer back to it throughout the year. We will start our dinosaur topic with some dinosaur poems and then learn about non-fiction texts. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 19th September 2:30pm to find out more about reading in Year 2. In the meantime, please continue to share bedtime stories and take a few minutes each day to hear them read the books they are bringing home.

Maths

In Maths, we will be working on counting securely to 100 and recognising numbers as both numbers and words. We will then work on our understanding of place value and understanding how numbers are made of smaller numbers - mainly how 2-digit numbers are composed of tens and ones. We will then explore addition and subtraction and look at how we can use our understanding of place value to help add 2 digit numbers. We will look at efficient ways to add including crossing 10 and adding 3 digits using our number bonds too.

PE

On Thursdays, Year 2 have PE with North Devon Primary Sports. The children will be developing their coordination, movement and control skills with balls and other equipment starting the term with multi-skills and then moving on to basic invasion games. Our swimming starts later in the month. When children aren't swimming they will have PE in school.

Science

We are learning about Animals - what living things have in common, predators and prey, how animals adapt to their habitats and food chains. Later in the term, the children will design habitats for animals based on their learning.

Mrs Buckley teaches music in both classes on Thursdays. She also offers music tuition on the keyboard and ukulele for shared and individual lessons in school. The children will sing a range of traditional and new playground action songs & rhymes. Thinking about dynamics and tempo in music, they will have fun changing the songs. They will use body percussion to perform a range of rhythms and pulses and identify the differences between them. They will explore and create simple rhythms on percussion instruments. In **RE** we are exploring the meaning of "belonging" and how it feels to belong to a group or a team of people. Children are looking at their belonging, and learning about how Christians, Muslims and Jews show how they belong to a faith community.

Our **PSHE Jigsaw** unit is about where we belong in the world. We will be thinking about our hopes and fears. The children will work on recognising when they feel worried and ways to help them deal with their worries.

In **Geography**, we will be learning about physical landscape features such as beaches, cliffs, forests and mountains as well as recapping seasons and the weather. We will look at the environment around us as well as looking at images of different landscapes to identify different features. This will link in with Science.

In **History**, we're going to learn about the life of Mary Anning, who made a very famous discovery related to dinosaur fossils. We will learn to order things in chronological order and explain the impact of different events in her life.

Later in the term, in **DT**, we will explore how to make things with moving parts and apply these skills in making Christmas cards.

In **Art**, we are exploring a wide range of art and design techniques in using line, shape, form and space. Children will learn to control the types marks made and learn to sketch the main shapes before adding details. They will produce dinosaur drawings.

In **Computing**, we are exploring everyday uses of technology learning how to keep safe online. We will explore how technology impacts our every day life.

If you have any queries, please let us know. Thanks for all your support,
The Year 2 team.

