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Year 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here is an overview of what will be happening in Year 2 this half term.

Curriculum

We will be starting with our next topic "Bounce". The main focus for this topic will be Science, Literacy and Topic.

Memorable Experience: We have arranged for the children to have a bouncy day on Tuesday 9th January to launch the topic.

English: We will be reading the story of 'Oliver's Vegetables'. We will be discussing the story, acting it out and retelling it with the support of pictures and videos. We will be listening to many other similar stories and learning how to give an informed opinion.

Maths: Pupils will learn to choose and use appropriate standard units to estimate and measure length/height in any direction (m/cm); mass (kg/g); temperature (°C); capacity (litres/ml) to the nearest appropriate unit, using rulers, scales, thermometers and measuring vessels. Compare and sequence intervals of time. Tell and write the time to fifteen minutes, including quarter past/to the hour and draw the hands on a clock face to show these times. Add and subtract numbers using concrete objects, pictorial representations, and mentally, including adding three one-digit numbers. Recognise and use the inverse relationship between addition and subtraction and use this to check calculations and solve missing number problems.

Science: Pupils will describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene. They will find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air).

Topic: Pupils will create works of art using bubbles and they will be making ball sculptures. They will also investigate which liquids make the best bubbles.

PE: Pupils will be doing dance this half term. They will learn to move with different parts of their body, as well as working in small groups to create a dance sequence. Children will learn to listen to music and assess the pace and rhythm to ensure their movements coordinate with the music. Children will also self-assess/peer assess their routines to find ways to improve their routines.

Homework:

- Practise spellings
- Complete maths homework, to be returned on Wednesdays so we have time to mark the work and address any problems
- Practise their comprehension skills and complete the questions about their reading

Reading:

Please encourage your children to read a range of fiction and non-fiction books as frequently as possible. Please return the reading folder and reading record as regularly as possible.

Kind regards,

Miss Javid, Mrs Forbes, Mrs Palmer, Mrs Banks and Mrs Rai