

TERMLY NEWSLETTER - YEAR 2

SPRING 2022

Dear Family,

Welcome back for another jam-packed, exciting term. We hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas and a good start to the new year. We continue to value your support and enthusiasm for your child's learning, and we hope you will support us in our efforts to encourage excellent learning habits at school and at home.

Our year 2 team has had some changes this past term:

Pound Close (**Miss Deboick**)

Lowewood Museum (**Miss Blackaller**)

Mrs Tye, our teaching assistants.

Miss Smith, Mrs Walker, Mrs Folwell, Mrs Bacon and **Mr Karim** are also part of our year 2 team.

OUR PROJECTS

As you know, our learning is project based, meaning that many aspects of our learning will have cross-curricular links. We will also hold various exhibitions to showcase some of our work; this may well take place away from the school grounds and we would love to have your support (details of these will be sent out later in the year). Each term we will be looking at a new topic and a new question will be given to engage the children.

Our second project is Polar Explorers, which will help us to cover many areas of the curriculum including: History, Art, Geography, Design and Technology as well as the core subjects of Literacy, Maths and Science.



LITERACY

Within our literacy lessons, we will be beginning our half term by using our scientific knowledge of animals including humans to write a non-chronological that showcases the children's learning. We will then start to relate our Literacy lessons to our Polar Explorer project by using words and phrases to compare Hoddesdon with Antarctica. Year 2 will also be writing their own poetry based on their knowledge of penguins.

MATHS

During the spring term, Year 2 will continue to practise and use their times table and division knowledge and understanding. This will be achieved by a times table challenge every Friday as well as early morning work. We will begin this half term by looking at money. Children will learn the different coins and notes and use this knowledge to start to add and compare amounts. After this we will move on to fractions. Children will start to learn halves, quarters and thirds of number and shape.

To support the learning of times tables, please make use of Times Tables Rock Stars. This will help build confidence when completing multiplication and division problems. You can also support your child's understanding of money by encouraging them to count out values.

GEOGRAPHY

During the spring term, Year 2 will be learning about the 7 continents and the 5 oceans. This will lead onto learning about the equator and what happens when move away from it. This will support children's literacy skills when making comparison between two places.

PSHE

In PSHE, we will be exploring the topic 'Healthy Eating' which links with our science learning, animals including humans. We will discuss how to keep our bodies and brains healthy.

After half term, we will be talking about 'Dreams and Goals' and how we can achieve these.



HISTORY

Although this term's topic is geography based, history will be a focus during the second half term. By the end of spring term, Year 2 will learn about a significant event beyond living memory. The event that has been chosen is the Titanic. Alongside learning about the history of the Titanic including the chronology of events, we will be thinking about how boat safety has changed. If you have any questions about how this will be taught, please feel free to contact the office.

DT AND ART

To link to our 'Animals Including Humans' learning, Year 2 will learn to make a healthy lunch. We will learn how to cut, peel, prepare and cook food and understanding the need for a variety of foods in a healthy diet. We will develop vocabulary through conversations about taste, texture, and smell.

In art, we are taking part in the 'Take One Picture' project from the National Gallery.

COMPUTING

During the spring term, we will be continuing to learn about coding and spreadsheets. Our coding topic will cover key vocabulary, how to write our own code and check our codes to correct mistakes. After half term, year 2 will learn: how to use spreadsheets, about the copy, cut and paste tools, use a spreadsheet to add amounts and create a table and block graph. Online safety will still be covered in every lesson.

SCIENCE

This term, we will be learning about animals including humans. We will learn that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults. As well as explaining the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and personal hygiene.

THIS TERM'S EXHIBITION

Details of this term's exhibition will be sent out separately.



SCHOOL TRIPS

We would like to take Year 2 on a trip this term. However, details are yet to be confirmed. These will be sent out separately.

PE

Tuesday is the day that your child has PE and a full kit (including trainers) is expected to be worn into school only on this day. Please see the uniform list to clarify all uniform at our school.

We look forward to seeing you and your child at family conferencing in February where we will discuss your child's learning and how they can further progress. In the meantime, please feel free to come and discuss any concerns with us after school or make an appointment via the school office. We are dedicated to the teaching of your child, helping them to progress in all areas of their development, as well as helping them foster a love of learning and resilience. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Miss Blackaller and Miss Deboick



SCHOOL UNIFORM YR 1 - 6

- Only plain black shoes or smart black trainers are to be worn – no coloured trainers or boots except sensible plain boots in severe weather.
- Socks / tights must be grey, navy or white
- Light blue/white checked summer dresses or grey pinafore dress may be worn
- The school top is a sky blue polo shirt – this can be with or without the school logo
- Trousers/shorts/skirts should be grey. Skirts should be knee length and simple.
- Knitted St Cath's hats and baseball hats are available, as are school book bags, fleeces and waterproof coats
- Plain navy tank tops
- Navy jumpers or cardigans (with or without the school logo). NOT HOODIES.
- All coats should be plain black, grey or navy.
- A small, plain blue/black book bag (with or without school logo) is the only acceptable bag to carry books and homework to and from school.
- A small blue/black drawstring bag (with or without school logo) is the only acceptable bag to carry PE kit to and from school.

FOR PE

- White or navy round necked tee shirt (this can be with or without the school logo)
- Navy shorts
- Navy joggers
- Navy hoodie (with or without the school logo)

JEWELLERY

The only jewellery allowed is one small plain silver or gold stud earring per ear. This needs to be covered up or removed for PE but must be removed for swimming (you may wish to bear this in mind if considering ear piercing before swimming starts in early May)

