



## Year 2 Spring Term Newsletter

January 2022

Welcome back! We hope that you had an enjoyable Christmas break.



Firstly, a quick reminder of the equipment that all children should have for their lessons this year:

- Atwood Primary School book bag (with their reading records and book banded books in school every day, book changing days will be Monday and Thursday)
- Water bottle
- PE kit – please wear to school on PE days (Monday and Thursday for both classes)

*Please ensure that all items are named including uniform.*

### **English**

We will begin the term learning how to write a letter. We will retell a letter from a teacher, reply to the letter, and then write our own letter to a family member. When writing our letters, we will ensure we use all the features of letter writing and ensure we correctly punctuate the question sentences. We will then focus on the text 'Traction Man' in which the children will be retell the story, change Traction Man's adventures and write their own superhero stories. Our grammar focus will be using a variety of punctuation (commas and apostrophes). In Spring 2, we will read the book 'Giraffes Can't Dance' and use the illustrations to inspire descriptive writing with a focus on adverbs. We will also write a set of instructions for a teddy we will make. We will ensure we use the features of instruction writing and our grammar focus will be conjunctions (more advanced choices e.g. although, when, while).

### **Maths**

In Spring 1, the children will use the expanded column method to subtract 2-digit numbers (with an exchange e.g. 58-19). They will move onto multiplication and division, which will cover counting in 2s, 5s and 10s, making equal groups, arrays, doubles and halves. The children will also apply their multiplication and division knowledge to word problems. We will assess the children's knowledge of counting in 2s, 5s and 10s (if ready, some children will be assessed on their times tables) and we will let you know what needs to be revised at home. In Spring 2, we will learn about fractions, linking our prior knowledge of division. We will also learn about money and different types of measurements (e.g. time, height, mass and temperature).

### **Science**

Pupils will complete the 'animals including humans' topic, and then move onto learning about 'uses of everyday materials.' In this topic they will identify a range of materials (e.g. wood, plastic), and compare the suitability of these materials for particular uses (e.g. What material is best for a bath toy?) They will also find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching. In March, we will celebrate science week. During this week, the children will continue to develop their scientific skills through investigations.

### **Topic**

We will teach history and geography through the topic of toys. The children will sort and compare old and new toys, also placing them in chronological order. They will continue to use the appropriate vocabulary to describe the past. The children will learn about puppets from around the world and find these places on a world map. They will also research what these places are like and use geographical vocabulary to describe them.

### **Computing**

We will learn to recognise that different devices can be used to capture photographs and will gain experience capturing, editing, and improving photos. We will then use this knowledge to recognise that images they see may not be real.

### **DT & Art**

In Spring 1, the children will study the artwork of Peter Blake called 'The Toy Shop' and create their own versions using a variety of media. They will have the opportunity to mark make using different grades of pencil. In Spring 2, we will plan, create and evaluate a teddy in our DT sessions.

### **RE**

We will be covering the unit 'Why are some things special?' We will learn about special books, special objects and special festivals and celebrations from different religions. At the end of the term, we will learn about the Christian festival of Easter.

### **PE**

PE will be taught on a Monday and Thursday. Please wear PE kits to school on these days. In indoor PE, will we cover dodgeball, and in outdoor PE we will learn the skills needed to play hockey. Each day we will complete the daily mile.

**Homework**

Homework is sent home on a Friday and due in on the following Wednesday. This will consist of a maths facts task, numbots/mathletics and a science, topic **or** English task. After we have assessed the children in counting in 2s, 5s and 10s (if ready, some children will be assessed on their times tables), we will also send home personalised times tables to learn. This will be re-assessed every 2 weeks.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have.

Yours sincerely,

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