

CLASS 2MW

THE PURPOSE OF THIS NEWSLETTER IS TO INFORM YOU OF THE TOPICS THAT YOUR CHILDREN WILL BE STUDYING DURING THIS HALF TERM.



Reading/Writing

The children will be following the Read Write Inc programme to support their phonics and develop their fluency of reading.

In Literacy, we will be focusing on the texts of 'The Bear and the Piano' by Litchfield and the poem of 'Owl and the Pussycat' by Edward Lear. The children will be developing their grammatical skills, as well as creating a range of writing including letters, information posters and writing in role.

Science

In Science the children will be learning about 'Habitats'. The children will start to understand and think about the difference between objects that are living, dead or have never lived. The children will be observing how animals and plants live in habitats, looking at different habitats around school and comparing two different world habitats of the Arctic and the Sahara. From this the children will develop their understanding of how each animal depends on each other in food chains within a habitat.

R.E.

In R.E the children will be focusing on 'Who is Muslim and what do they believe?'. The children will learn about different Muslim celebrations including Islamic New Year, the Day of Ashura, Mawlid al-Nabi, Ramadan, Eid al-Fitr and Hajj. We will be developing an understanding of what happens during each of these celebrations, when these are celebrated and why these are celebrated.

Home Reading

Home reading books will be sent home to support our Read Write Inc Phonics and reading programme, as well as books to encourage children to share stories with you and read for pleasure.

Please discuss these with your child and sign their reading record daily and return them to school each day. Each child will be entered into a reading challenge where they must read at least 3 times each week.

PSHE

In PSHE (Jigsaw) we will be working on 'Dreams and Goals'. This will cover how to develop perseverance, how to work well with others, how to have a positive attitude and how to help others and themselves achieve their goals.

Numeracy

Our main areas of study will be:

- Comparing 2D shapes
- Counting the faces, edges and vertices of a 3D shape
- Money
- Multiplication
- Division

We will be focusing on the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Your support at home with helping your children to learn their times tables will be greatly appreciated.

History/ Geography

In History, we will be exploring our local topic of 'Beverley Gate', whilst focusing on the question 'Why was Beverley Gate a significant place in Hull's history?'. The children will be exploring what life was like in the 17th century and how it looked in Hull, understand why some cities need walls and gates, why Hull was an important place in the 17th century and explore what happened in 1642 and who were the significant figures during this time.

In Geography, we will be developing an understanding of our coastline, whilst focusing on the question 'How is erosion affecting the Holderness Coast?'. The children will first learn about the U.K. and what is around the U.K., how a compass helps geographers, how does a key help us as geographers, what is coastal erosion and how is erosion affecting the Holderness Coast.

Art/ D&T

In Art, we will be exploring the topic of portraits and poses. We will be analysing the portraits of Tudor monarchs and comparing Tudor portraits to selfies today. The children will use photo editing software to create their own royal portraits.

In DT, we will be designing and creating our very own beach huts. During this topic, we will be developing an understanding of how to use saws, glue guns and lolly sticks in order to create our beach huts.

Music

In music children will continue to be exploring the pulse and rhythm of a piece of music by listening to different songs and playing instruments.

Computing

In Computing, we will carry on exploring the importance of being safe online. We will also look at how giving instructions and commands can affect the outcome. We will also be designing algorithms

PE

PE lessons will usually be on a **Monday afternoon**. PE kits should be brought into school every Monday and taken home to be washed every Friday. Children will need their PE kit of plain red shorts and plain white T Shirt. This term our PE lessons will focus on developing gymnastic skills.

If you have any concerns that you need to discuss with me, please speak to me on the door or email or ring the school office if it is urgent.