

# Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

## Literacy

This half-term our focus texts for literacy will be *The Snail and the Whale* by Julia Donaldson and *Rainbow Bear* by Michael Morpurgo. We will be focussing on using adjectives, adverbs and similes to describe settings and characters within these stories. We will explore retelling a narrative and sharing our stories with our peers.

In guided reading we will continue to focus on answering questions about the text by lifting key words from the text to support our answers. We will use inference skills as well as clarifying the meaning of new words.

*Please take time to listen to your child read at home we encourage reading at home at least 3 times per week.*

## Dates for your diary . . .

Dodgeball Competition	26 <sup>th</sup> April
Assessments	15 <sup>th</sup> May – 26 <sup>th</sup> May
Bank Holiday	1st May
King's Coronation Day	8 <sup>th</sup> May



## Summer One



Last day of term:

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

## Geography

This half-term we will be learning about the four countries that make up the UK as well as the capital cities. We will be learning about the human and physical features of our capital city London. We will be learning the names of the 7 continents and locating them on a world map as well as the five oceans.

## History

In history we will be learning about famous people who have impacted our world. We will be focusing on the lives of Nelson Mandela and Rosa Parks and what they stood for.

## Mathematics

This half term we will be consolidating our maths skills focusing on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will be using these skills to solve mathematical word problems.

We will be focusing on weighing using grams and kilograms. We will be using balancing scales to help compare mass and order objects from heaviest to lightest.

Every Wednesday we will be learning about position and direction. We will have great fun using the floor robots and navigating them around a map. We will be using words such as 'left', 'right', 'clockwise', 'anti-clockwise', 'quarter-turn', 'half-turn' when directing from one place to another.

## Jigsaw (PSHE)

This half-term our Jigsaw topic is Relationships. We will learn how families are all different. We will learn about how to be a good friend and how to develop their friendships as well as conflict. We will share ways we can celebrate our special friendships as well as discuss the importance of trust and appreciation.

We will discuss, reflect and take part in activities on how to keep safe.



## Art

This half term our art unit is named 'Expressive Painting'. We will be focusing on the artists Marela Zacarias and Charlie French. We will be studying how artists use thick paint and loose brushwork. Children will progress from still life of colour and form to produce more abstract paintings.



## PE

In our PE lessons we will continue our focus on ball control. We will be practising how to send and receive a ball correctly through a game of dodgeball.

Later in the half term we will be using our ball skills and batting skills when playing a game of rounders. We will focus on following the rules of the game and our team skill sin preparation for the rounders competition.

*Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school every day, including trainers and socks, as the weather continues to improve PE is likely to take place outdoors.*



## Music

We will be listening and learning the 'friendship song' as part of our Charanga scheme.

We will also explore adding instruments within these songs and will practise improvisation by using different style of voice.

*Sing as much as you can with your child at home – songs are a great way to learn new words, understand melody and to have fun.*



Don't forget to share any of your child's home learning or amazing achievements on our Seesaw platform- we love getting updates.

## Please remember the daily essentials:



Your child's book bag containing their reading record and any books they currently have. Remember to listen to your child read at least three times a week and record this each time in their yellow reading record.



A water bottle – please do not put juice in your child's bottle, only water please.



As the weather begins to warm up please provide your child with a sun hat and apply suncream before school.



PE Kits must be brought to school every Monday and will remain in school until the end of the week. Your child should have a plain white t-shirt and black shorts.

