



## Year 2 newsletter

### Spring 1

#### English



This term we are reading *'The Bear under the Stairs'* and *'The Minpins'*. We will be writing our own stories, creating character descriptions (for their own monsters and *The Minpins* themselves), re-telling key events, writing reports and eventually writing a new chapter.

#### Maths 123

This term we are covering telling the time, understanding statistics and data and using our multiplication covered last term to understand division.

#### Science



Our topic this term is 'Animals' which will include exploring different types of animals, sorting and grouping animals, keeping animals as pets and looking at what animals eat.

#### Computing



Our unit is 'We are Zoologists' to tie in with our Science topic. The children go on a bug hunt, they then organise the data they have collected and record it using a graphing package.

#### Geography



Our topic this half term is 'Around the World.' Children will be learning about the seven continents. We will look at their features and landmarks.

#### RE



Our theme this half term is looking at Gospel: What is the good news Jesus brings?

#### PE



All children must wear the school PE kit which has been provided and plain black plimsolls or trainers. There is a no jewellery rule and any stud ear-rings will have to be covered by plasters. Long hair should be tied back for health & safety and hygiene.

**Indoor** – Our indoor PE lesson is on Thursday afternoon. This term we are doing Dance.

**Outdoor** – Our outdoor PE lesson is on Tuesday afternoon. Don't forget you can bring in plain, dark coloured track suit bottoms and a top to wear when it is cold outside. Please bring in PE shoes for your child to keep in their PE bag.

#### Art/DT



The skills we are learning this term are centred on Textiles. We will be sewing and making puppets.

#### Music



The theme is rhythmic/pitch notation and playing glockenspiels.

#### Homework

Maths and English homework will be sent out every Friday and is due back in on Wednesday. There will be mental maths and spellings tests every Friday. Every child is expected to read at least 5 times a week and have their reading record signed & dated.

#### Water



Learning is thirsty work and in order to keep thinking throughout the day your child should bring a named plastic water bottle to school, which they can re-fill, to keep their brains hydrated.

#### Class events

Sharing assembly - Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January

31<sup>st</sup> January – Local Area Field Trip

#### Concerns

Please see us any day after school or you can make an appointment at the office.

Mrs Nash, Mrs Beck, Mrs Warren and Mrs Mcllroy.