



Year 2 Autumn Term 2018 -19



Dear Parents,

Welcome back we hope you have all had an enjoyable summer holiday. Our topic for the Autumn Term will be called 'To Infinity and Beyond'. We will be looking at and writing our own texts based on space. We will be focusing on Neil Armstrong and the first landing on the moon.

KEY DATES: Y2 Trip to Thinktank Science Museum Monday 15th October 2018

Miss Annese & Miss Hancox

Curriculum Topics

English: Your child will have regular lessons focusing on Year 2 spellings and phonics. You will find a list of Year 2 Common Exception words in your child's reading diary. It is an expectation that children in Year 2 are able to read and spell these words. **Children will be tested on these spellings.** Every Friday, we will test 6 words from the list (in order). It is important to note that although there are less spellings to be learnt we expect the children to be able to apply these in their writing consistently. We will begin to explore the use of cursive **handwriting**. Our writing focus will be on structure of narrative and non-fiction texts.

Maths: This term will begin by consolidating **number and place value**. This will include reading, writing and ordering numbers to and above 100. As the term progresses we will move towards **addition** and **subtraction** using concrete, pictorial and abstract methods.

RE: We will cover the topic of Old Testament Stories and Prayers. In particular, we will focus on litanies of Praise and Thanksgiving, **The Angelus** and **The Eternal Rest**.

Science: Children will have the opportunity to work scientifically through asking and answering questions, observing, performing simple tests and gathering and recording data. We will be focusing on testing the suitability of materials.

Geography: This half term we will be looking at the world from a bird's eye view. We will be naming the Oceans and Continents. Children will have the opportunity to use maps, atlases and photographs to learn and use geographical vocabulary.

Arts: As artists the children will have the opportunity to develop ideas through exploration, master the techniques of painting skills and use a variety of mediums to create their own masterpieces. Children will also be learning and practising songs for their Christmas performance.

ICT & Computing: The children will be using computers to code and debug programs. We will also continue to focus on **e-safety** throughout the year. Please keep an eye out for e-safety workshops.

General Reminders

- Please ensure that your child has his/her PE kit & Wellies in school on the days mentioned below and that all items belonging to your child are clearly labelled, including any uniform, hats, scarves and gloves. **It is your child's responsibility to look after their own belongings.**

Year 2 Oak – PE on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, Forest school Friday

Year 2 Pear - PE on Wednesdays and Thursdays, Forest School Friday

- Your child will change reading books three times a week (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) and complete a weekly home learning task. On Tuesdays and Thursdays please take the opportunity to re-read the school reading book and ask and answer questions. If you would like some ideas for questions to ask, please approach your child's class teacher. **Please ensure you take time to read a little with your child each day and make comments in their reading record.**
- Please ensure your child brings a water bottle to school to keep in class. As part of our Healthy Eating initiative children are only permitted **water** in the classroom. Snacks will be available to purchase at a cost of 30p per item. Please ensure all money is kept in a named purse. Thank you for your continued support.
- Home learning will be given out on a Friday and must be returned by the following Thursday. Any home learning given in after this time will not be marked.
- *All Year 2 newsletters and home learning are uploaded to the Year 2 class webpage on a regular basis. If your child loses or is away when home learning is given out, please look on the website.*