

# Year 2 Spring Newsletter

## General Reminders:

### **PE**

PE will be on a Monday and Thursday. All children will need: Blue/black shorts, a white t-shirt and pumps or trainers.

In colder weather they will need blue/black jogging bottoms and sweatshirt and pumps. We ask the children to keep their pumps in school in their lockers. Children should **not wear jewellery** during PE sessions (no earrings) The children are asked to come into school wearing their PE kit on these days.

### **Homework**

A new homework grid will be sent home with a variety of activities for the children to choose to complete over the half term. Homework books should be sent into school on a Wednesday and we will share their homework and give DOJO points. The children should also access Numbots and TT Rockstars to develop their arithmetic skills.

Homework is a vital component to learning, so please encourage/support your child with completing their homework. If there are any issues or questions, please feel free to send us a Dojo.

### **Water Bottles**

It is important that your child brings a water bottle into school so that they are kept hydrated throughout the school day. Please ensure that the water bottles are clearly labelled and contain only water.



**In your classroom this term will be:**

**Mrs Dooley – Class teacher (Mon-Wed)**

**Mrs Clayton – Class teacher (Thur-Fri)**

**1:1 LSA: Ms M'Lanie, Mrs Riaz,**

**This term we will be exploring the UK and our topic title is “What do we need to know about the UK?**

Happy New Year!

We hope you and your families enjoyed the Christmas Break and are looking forward to the new Spring term.

We have an exciting and engaging topic planned this term. Our topic has a geography focus, and the children will learn about the four countries and capital cities of the UK. In history, our focus is on local history and the children will learn about the history of hats and explore why Stockport is famous for hats.

In English, the children will explore the text, “The Queen’s Handbag” to write a narrative. They will complete a Non-Chronological Report and do some Persuasive writing too. In our Guided Reading sessions the children will continue to develop their fluency and comprehension strategies through sharing and discussing a variety of texts. We have a local library trip planned this term – more details will follow!

In maths this term the children will be focusing on:

- Multiplication and division
- Money
- Measurement – Length, Height, Mass, Capacity

In art, our focus will be on plants and the children will undertake some observational drawings of plants and then explore the work of the sculpturist Judy Pfaff and create their own 3D forms using wire, cardboard, colour and pattern.

In computing the children will learn about internet safety and explore what websites are appropriate for children. They will move on to programming using robots to give instructions and create Algorithms. In PE, they will perform dances using simple movement patterns in dance and develop their ball skills.

In Science, our topic is animals including humans. We will looking at health, diet and offsprings of animals including humans. In music the children

In RE our topic is ‘How and why do we celebrate special and sacred time?’. We will consider the importance and value of celebration and remembrance in children’s own lives. In PSHE, our focus topics are Health and Well-Being and Economic Well-Being. Within these topics the children will learn about the benefits of exercise and relaxation on physical health and wellbeing; strategies to manage different emotions, setting goals and developing a growth mindset and understanding dental hygiene. They will also learn about financial literacy including how adults get money, wants and needs, using skills and talents and inclusive environments.

### **Reminder about school timings:**

**Doors will open from 8:40am, Lessons will begin at 8:50am.**

The children are to come into school via the main playground.

**Year 2 finish at 3.20pm**

We are really looking forward to this new term, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us in person or via Dojo.

Mrs Dooley & Mrs Clayton