



YEAR TWO

Autumn Term 1

Welcome to Y2. This newsletter is to let you know what your child's class will be learning about this half term.

English In our English lessons we shall be basing our work around the book 'I am Rosa Parks' written by Brad Meltzer. The children will be writing descriptions of characters and settings and we will be linking work to our history topic entitled: 'Life of significant individuals in the past'. We will be teaching punctuation, grammar and spelling and working towards the end of year expectations. Reading practice sessions will take place 4 times a week to ensure children have the skills to read with fluency and use their decodable skills to read tricky words. They will bring this book home to read.



Maths In our maths work we will be focusing on place value and we will read and write numbers to at least 100 in numerals and in words. We will recognise the place value of each digit in a two-digit number (tens, ones), identify, represent and estimate numbers using different representations including number lines and compare and order numbers from 0 up to 100. We will use place value and number facts to solve problems and count in steps of 2, 3 and 5 from 0, and in tens from any number, forwards and backwards.

PE Days will be Monday and Wednesday/Friday. If your child wears earrings, these need to be removed for PE. If they are new piercings, they will need to be covered for the day of PE.

ART/DT This half term we will focus on DT skills of sewing. We will learn how to attach pieces of felt together and make a small individual wallet/purse. The children will learn to sew using the running stitch and the over stitch. We will also celebrate Black History Month with art work using oil pastel based around our work on Mary Seacole.

COMPUTING This half-term's work is based on coding. We will use Purple Mash to learn how to input code, explore commands and explain algorithms. The children will create a program and use a variety of command language.

SCIENCE Animals including humans - growth In this unit the children will learn about the needs of animals and humans to survive. We will learn about the right foods to eat for a balanced and healthy diet and look at exercise and hygiene. The children will carry out activities and conduct experiments, observing the results and reasoning them.

WIDER CURRICULUM During the first half-term children will learn about significant individuals from the past. The work will focus on the achievements these people have made to make changes for the better for the way of life of many people.

RE How is new life welcomed. Pupils will learn how babies are welcomed into families. They will think about how it is important to welcome people and especially new babies. Pupils will be given the opportunity to reflect on the concept of promise and to compare different approaches to welcoming new life.

Music Our unit this half term is 'Hands, feet, heart.' As well as learning to sing, play, improvise and compose with songs, children will listen and appraise different styles of South African music.

Water bottles-It is important for children to keep hydrated throughout the day. Please provide your child with a named water bottle so they can have a drink. These will be sent home at the end of each week.

Uniform- Please ensure your child's clothes are named so they are not easily lost!

