

# Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

## Autumn Term 2018

### Welcome

Miss Beasley and Miss Rogers would like to welcome everyone back from their summer holiday. We are extremely pleased with the way that all of the children have settled back in to school and we are excited to begin their work this year.



This term in Year 2 we will be looking at various interesting topics across the curriculum.

### Maths

This term we will be focusing on:

- place value- partitioning numbers in a variety of ways,
- mental recall and written calculation methods focusing on the four main operations ( + - x ÷ ),
- reasoning about numbers and explaining their calculations,
- recognising and finding fractions of amounts and quantities.

### English

This term we will be focusing on:

- developing the children's reading fluency skills so they can become more confident with a range of texts,
- answering questions based on a text,
- learning to spell Year 2 Common Exception Words,
- consistently forming letters carefully and accurately (ascenders/descenders),
- writing for different purposes,
- recognising and using different grammatical terminology in their writing.

### Science

Our topics this term are Materials and Working Scientifically. We will be focusing on:

- identifying and classifying materials,
- understanding different scientific vocabulary,
- performing simple investigative tests,
- asking simple questions about their learning.



## **Art/DT**

In art the children will be looking at the famous abstract artist Jackson Pollock. They will explore his artistic style and develop their understanding of colour, texture and purpose. The children's DT topic is Christmas textiles.

## **Topic – History and Geography**

Our topic this term in History is Villains and Heroes. We will be focusing on Horatio Nelson and working on the following key skills:

- understanding the lives of significant key individuals,
- developing a chronological awareness,
- using a wide range of historical terminology.



In Geography Year 2 will be looking at where we live: West Midlands, Wolverhampton and Penn. Our focus skills include understanding and using geographical vocabulary, developing mapping skills and recognising and discussing human and physical features.

**Computing** - This term in computing lessons the children will be creating, organising, storing and retrieving content in different software programmes and continuing to develop their understanding of how to use technology safely and respectfully on a range of devices.

**Music** – Year 2 will explore using their voices expressively and creatively to perform seasonal songs and play a range of instruments.

**PE** - Our PE topics this term include: dance, gymnastics and k games. We will focus on developing fundamental movement s and becoming increasingly confident with a range of sports ski



**RE** - In RE this term we will be looking at 'What do Christians believe God is like?' and 'What are festivals of light?'

**PSHE**- In PSHE lessons the children will be talking about anti-bullying, getting on with everyone and dealing with feelings.

If you would like any more information about the topics that your children will be covering this term, please feel free to come and speak to us.

Many thanks,

Miss Beasley and Miss Rogers

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