

Year 2

Term 2 2017

'The Olympics'



PE Days

PE days in Year 2 are:

Y2GC - Monday/Thursday

Y2KK - Monday/Tuesday

Y2GS - Monday/Friday

Y2JB - Monday/Friday

Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school on their PE days and that earrings are removed. It is most helpful if children leave a PE kit in school for the term as there will be opportunities for children to participate in PE at any point in the week. If possible, please provide your child with a pair of plimsolls/trainers and a pair of tracksuit bottoms/leggings as we will be undertaking PE lessons outside.

The Year 2 Team

The Year 2 team would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in the past Term. Next Term is a busy one with our Christmas Production and we would like to thank you in advance for the time and effort you will put in to help your child learn their lines and in sorting out costumes. If you do have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to come and speak to your child's class teacher.

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English Key Skills

The children will learn that there are four different types of sentences and how to punctuate these correctly. They will also look at how to improve their sentences by using co-ordinating conjunctions such as or, and, but. We will be focussing on being able to spell the common exception words for Year 1 and Year 2. We will be encouraging the children to use the word mats to ensure that these words are spelt correctly in their writing.

Handwriting and the presentation of their work will also be an important factor as they complete their work.

Reading

The children will have regular phonics sessions in which they will continue to follow the Read Write Inc programme.

We will have weekly 'reading with a grown up' time, as well as Guided Reading sessions which will have a comprehension focus. In addition to this, children will have opportunities to look at a range of texts as a class, answering questions to gain and develop their understanding of what they have read.

Please remember to listen to your child read and feel free to write a comment in their Reading Record. It is good practise for children to read the same book at least 3 times at home to ensure secure understanding. The children need to ensure they have their reading book and Reading Record in school every day so that it is readily available.

Maths Key Skills

This Term the children will continue practising their understanding of addition and subtraction using written methods and the inverse operations to assist with error checking. They will also begin to calculate mathematical statements for multiplication and division within the multiplication tables and write them using the multiplication (\times), division (\div) and equals (=) signs. The children will show that multiplication of two numbers can be done in any order (commutative) and division of 1 number by another cannot. They will then use this combined knowledge to solve addition, subtraction, multiplication and division problems in different contexts. The children will also learn about measure using practical resources and hands on tasks.

Learning Journey

This Term we are continuing our learning journey about the Olympics. The first few weeks will see the children designing their own Olympic sports kits and using prior knowledge to create a design for a Greek vase.

The children will complete studies about various countries, completing posters about them. They will also learn to locate the four capital cities of the United Kingdom. The children will learn about a famous person from the past - Alexander the Great. We will be focusing on his journeys and achievements.

Our Scientific study for this Term will focus on properties of materials and the children will be given the opportunity to investigate which materials would be the most appropriate for a sports kit. They will learn about different food groups and will develop their understanding of the foods that athletes need to become more successful.