

Half Term Curriculum Plan: Home-Learning Letter



Year 2

Spring 2nd Half Term: February 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope the children have all had a fun-filled and restful half term break. During the holiday, we were busy writing the children's annual school reports and we look forward to discussing these with you at the end of term consultations. We can hardly believe that we are already half way through the academic year. The children have been working hard and we are delighted with the progress they have made so far this year.

This half term we are pleased to welcome back Miss Fricker, who will be working with Y2 during her teacher training practice. She will be with us for the next 6 weeks. The children have already met Miss Fricker last half term, giving her an enthusiastic welcome. We are certain that she will continue to be a great asset to our spring 2 half term.

During Spring 2, the children will be working on a new **Geography** focused topic, thinking about 'Where our food comes from'. The children will be researching, investigating, exploring, asking and answering questions around this fascinating topic.

In **English** we will begin the half term with some cross-curricular work, based around our focus text, Pumpkin Soup. The children will be exploring a range of instructional texts and creating their own instructions for making a sandwich. The children will then have the opportunity to try out and evaluate their instructions during our DT lessons. Later in the half term the children will be exploring 'The Owl who was afraid of the dark' story. We will be thinking about settings and descriptive language and then moving on to create our own alternative versions of the story. Year 2 will also be practising their guided reading, spellings, punctuation, grammar and cursive handwriting on a weekly basis.

In **Maths** we will continue to consolidate and embed our learning on place value and partitioning. We will also be looking at the following areas this half term: doubling and halving, multiplication, division and inverse operations, graphs, charts and fractions.

In **RE** we will be looking at 'The Big Story' of the Bible, thinking about Christian beliefs and practice and exploring the Easter story.

We continue to receive coaching support during our Monday PE sessions, and have a second PE slot on Wednesday mornings. Please ensure children have a suitable kit in school every day (tracksuits and trainers may be worn outdoors. Plimsolls for indoor PE please). If girls wear tights, please ensure they have socks in their PE bags. Finally, please ensure that children with long hair have a suitable hair band to tie long hair back during PE sessions.

Home learning for this half term is as follows:

- Please note that there has been a change to our home-learning routine. Folders containing home-learning and spellings will now be sent home on Fridays and are to be returned to school on Wednesdays. Spelling tests will now take place on Wednesday mornings.
- Please continue to encourage children to read regularly, this can be school reading books **and** books from home. Please record book titles in the children's reading journals.

As always, if you have any questions, queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact one of the Year 2 team ☺