

Dear Parents/Carers of Children in Year 2

This half term the children in Year 2 will have lots of fun and be very busy. If you would like to help your children with their learning, below are a few ideas to help you. This half term we will be learning the following:

R.E. - We will be thinking about new beginnings we have made and learning about how the world was created. If possible collect any photographs you may have of your child starting Year Two, starting a new School, Moving house - their New home, New baby- Becoming a big brother or sister, New Team- Joining a new football team for display in class.

The children will move onto learn about Judaism. If possible use the internet to find out facts about Judaism and special celebrations celebrated by the Jewish community.

Maths- In Maths this half term we will be counting forwards and backwards to 100 starting at different numbers. If possible play games such as bingo, snakes and ladders, snap, monopoly, frustration all are fun and exciting ways to practise counting. Handling money in different ways will also be covered this half term and throughout the year. If possible when shopping ask how much two items would cost. If possible give your child different coins to pay for their toast each day, ten pence in two pence coins then ask how many 2p coins do you need for one slice of toast.

English - In English the children will be reading and writing stories about places they know. The children will all practise joining their handwriting and using the sounds they know to spell words needed. Year Two is a great year to help your child begin to write a daily diary. A book which I know will soon be filled with lots of happy memories. Children love to write messages/letters to family members or help you to create weekly shopping lists. These fun activities will help your child develop their writing skills and handwriting skills which are assessed in the Year Two SATs

If possible read at bedtime with your child this could be a book, comic, poem or rhyme. During the book talk about the characters, what happens in the story and where the story takes place. Whenever possible let your child see you reading.

Science- In science the children will be learning about foods and exercise and the importance of eating a balance diet. If possible let your child help you plan and make a healthy meal.

Geography- The children will start to learn about the countries and continents of the world. Talk about the different countries in the world and places visited on holidays. Visit the travel agents and collect brochures with photographs of different countries in the world. Collect photographs and souvenirs of holidays experienced.

Music- The children will use a variety of percussion instruments to create small pieces of music based upon different topics. At home listen to a piece of music and discuss the mood and feelings the music creates.

Art- The children will be using a variety of materials whilst exploring still life. During the topic the children will be exploring work produced by famous artists. If possible talk about famous artists who draw still life eg Cezanne or visit artyfactory.com. Set up still life's at home so your child can draw in a sketchbook eg flowers, pots, fruit, shoes, clothes etc.

P.E. This half term the children will be taking part in lots of fun games using throwing and catching. When possible play simple catching and throwing games with your child. You could use variety of different sized balls, Frisbees etc. Encourage them to catch and throw with both hands. Try to persuade family members to join in as well.

French- The children will learn greetings in French, such as Hello, Goodbye, please and thankyou. You could encourage your child to tell you the key phrases they have been learning and to practice their pronunciation. Encourage your child to practice their French skills using on-line games.

Many thanks for your continued help and support

Should you need any further help please come and ask

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