



Year 2

Summer Term 2010

Dear Parents/Carers,

In Literacy this term we are going to be reading and writing information texts, traditional stories and stories with familiar settings. We will continue to work towards our writing targets. We will be further developing and extending our writing by including more detail and description of events, characters and settings. The children will be developing their ability to self-check writing for capital letters and full stops, as well as practising their use of other forms of punctuation, such as speech marks, question marks and exclamation marks. Our word level work will include work on prefixes (un, dis, re), suffixes (ed, ing, s/es), silent letters, homonyms, synonyms and the use of syllables for spelling multi-syllabic words.



In Maths we are continuing to develop our knowledge of number facts and strategies we can use when calculating. We will be developing our abilities to choose the most appropriate strategy, e.g.- a mental strategy (number bonds, doubles, bridging to next 10, finding the difference, 2,5,10 times tables) or a written method (numberlines, arrays, grouping). We will be using our ability to calculate to help us solve word problems and puzzles. Other work in Maths will include simple fractions of numbers and shapes, recognising and totalling money, data handling (pictograms, block graphs, Venn diagrams), time (analogue and digital), rounding to the nearest 10 and 100, angle (right angles), rotation (whole, half and quarter turns), measuring and reading scales for weight, capacity and length.



During the first half of the Summer term our main theme will be minibeasts and habitats. This is primarily a Science topic, but will also incorporate Literacy and Art. We will start by looking at the animal kingdom and the variety within this group and it's subgroups. We will study minibeasts and their habitat in detail, and compare this to other habitats. The children will extend their experimental and investigative skills in Science by focusing on:

- Ideas and questions- thinking how, why, what
- Prediction- what might happen if . . .
- Measuring and Observing- grouping and classifying according to own criteria
- Interpreting and evaluating results

We will be writing about minibeasts in Literacy, developing our observing and sketching skills and designing and creating a collage in Art.

We continue to enjoy using the laptops and improving our skills. This term we will be using many of the skills already learnt for our topic work, e.g.- word processing, researching using websites and CD-ROMs and presenting information.

We are also entering the Cambridgeshire Young People's Film Festival this term and will start work on our short animations soon.



Our main topic after half term will be The Seaside. We will be looking at seaside holidays past and present, as well as features of seaside resorts around the world. Our historical skills will include extracting information from secondary sources, to look at the differences and similarities between seaside holidays in the 1900s, 1950s and now. For our geographical skills we will be locating different seaside resorts around the world, looking at their physical and human features. We will present some of what we have found out in our Literacy information texts. The children will also create a simple seaside themed animation on the laptops.

In Music the children will explore how sounds can be changed, combined and organised to create a class composition. There will be opportunities to respond to stimuli suggested by the weather and explore ways in which sounds can be used expressively. They will record their compositions using pictures, symbols and words.

In RE we will be learning about Islam this half term (special objects, places and festivals) and the Special Books of the major religions after half term (Bible, Qur'an, Guru Granth Sahib, Torah Scrolls).

This term our SEAL topic is Relationships and in PSHE we will be exploring what drugs are, ie things that speed up or slow down your body. We will focus mainly on medicines and their safe use, but will also name other drugs the children might have come across eg- alcohol and cigarettes.

PE continues to be on a Monday and Thursday. We will be doing Games (tennis and golf skills) this half term. We are really looking forward to swimming after half term. Sports Day will be towards the end of term so we'll be out practising after half term. There are three sporting clubs the children in Year 2 are able to join:

- multi-skills Monday 4:15-5:00 (please see Miss Walton)
- yoga Tuesday 3:30- 4:15 (please see Miss Walton)
- dance Wednesday 3:20 - 5:00 (Lane Academy)

The children will also have a chance to contribute to our allotment by creating and caring for the 'pizza' section (growing vegetables that you might put on a pizza).

During the term we will be formalising our End of Key Stage One teacher assessments of the children. We will continue to use a range of evidence to inform our judgements, e.g.- writing tasks, tests, planned small group activities and day-to-day work.

Thank you for your continuing support and if you have anything you would like to discuss, please feel free to come and speak to us after school.

Yours sincerely,
K. Gray and A. Walker.