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Welcome

Welcome back everyone after the spring break. The summer term is here and it promises to be a busy one.

Literacy

This term we will be learning how to write information texts, character descriptions and study stories by the same author, Anthony Browne. Other areas for study include adventure stories, recounts, a selection of poetry and a range of alphabetical texts.

Numeracy

In numeracy we will cover various mathematical topics, revisiting many at a higher level than before to build on previous knowledge. In addition to place value and number work we will cover weight, time, angle, position, fractions and pictographs.

Mental arithmetic targets are given below.

Year 2 Targets

Every day: Practise and develop some oral and mental skills (e.g. counting, mental strategies, rapid recall of + and - facts).

Read and write whole numbers up to and beyond 100

Add / subtract 1, 10, and 100 to any whole number

Count on or back in 10's, 100's from any two digit number

Recall addition and subtraction facts for each number up to at least 10

Recall pairs that make 20

Derive doubles of whole numbers to 10 and corresponding halves

Know multiplication facts in x2 table and derive division facts

Know multiplication facts in x5 table and derive division facts

Know multiplication facts in x10 table and derive division facts

Science

We will begin the term with our topic, *How Plants Grow*. This will be followed later in the term by some work on *Living things and their habitats*.

History

Our topic this term is Florence Nightingale. We will be learning who she was, when she lived and what she did that makes her a famous historical character in history.

Geography

Use simple fieldwork and observational skills to study the immediate environment. Sketch maps, plans, graphs and use digital technologies.

P.E.

This term on Wednesdays there will be outdoor games and indoor PE on Thursdays. Everyone will need to have plimsolls or trainers and their full **named** P.E. kit.

Art

In relation to our topics we will be exploring a range of materials to create artwork linked to our topics and learning outdoors. In addition, we will learn about the life and work of a range of artists.

Please can you provide an art apron or shirt to protect your child's uniform. An old shirt with the sleeves cut off is quite effective so if you have any old shirts I would be very grateful. Thanks.

Homework

Daily: Reading, tables /mental maths skills.

Weekly homework: Keep an eye on the blog for set tasks. As from now, *everyone* will be expected to do homework every week. Read the instructions on the school website. Try some of the red hot challenges!



Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to all parents who have helped with classroom activities and who continue to give their support. It is most appreciated.

Mrs M Nixon