Welcome to Year 2

English

In English this half term we are starting off by focusing on traditional tales with a twist. We will be looking at different traditional tales and what features traditional tales have. We will be looking at how the characters are portrayed and how events unfold in the stories. Children will be looking at traditional tales that have been changed slightly (have a twist to the tale) and building up to writing their own version of a traditional tale with a difference. They will have lots of reading and writing opportunities to develop their skills and build up their vocabulary further. We will be looking at ensuring punctuation is used correctly for all sentence types and having a big push on presentation and spelling

Following traditional tales, we are going to be focusing on riddles. We will be looking at how riddles are set out and what features riddles have. The children will have lots of opportunities to read a range of riddles and work out what the riddles are about. They will then plan and write their own riddle using good clear clues that link to the animal/object they have chosen.

After riddles we are looking at instructions. We will look at the layout of instructions and the language used to write a good set of instructions. The children will learn about imperative verbs and use them in their writing. We will be looking at tenses used within instructions and how to make sure the instructions are clear, precise and informative.

Reading still stays at the forefront of our learning, and the children will be given lots of chances to read in class. The children will continue to do daily guided reading to help them answer questions about texts, extend vocabulary and discuss events/characters and plots within texts. By reading extra at home, it enables your child to broaden their vocabulary and become fluent with their reading, whilst also understanding what they are reading. Each day the children focus on spellings. Spellings are very important, and we will be doing daily spellings in class focusing on consolidating phonemes from phonics and working on Year Two common exception words and spelling patterns.

Maths

In Maths this half term we are starting off with graphs and how we read them to answer questions and learn how to create a table, graph and tally chart using a range of information. We will then move on to fractions and look at finding fractions for amounts and shapes. Following this we will look at measurement with a focus on capacity and volume. Money is our next topic in Maths. We will be looking at the various coins, how to make amounts of money, addition and subtraction with money and solving reasoning questions with money. Throughout the term we will still be focusing on place value daily to ensure the children are confident with place value. The children will continue to look at addition and subtraction for both arithmetic and reasoning type questions to consolidate their knowledge. Each morning the children will have some Maths problems to solve independently to embed their learning. Times tables are a big focus, and we will be continuing to look at the 2, 5 and 10 times tables, trying to learn them by heart and recall them rapidly

Further curriculum subjects

In our Science work this half term we will be learning about animals. We will build on prior learning from Year One and extend our learning further. We will look at how to classify animals into groups depending on what they look like. We will also look at what animals eat and create food chains for a variety of animals. Following this we will look at basic needs for animals and describe life cycles and offspring.

In our Geography work this half term we will be focusing on continents, oceans and seas. The children will look at maps and atlases to identify the continents, seas and oceans. They will learn about the different continents and look at differences between them and understand hot and cold places in relation to the North and South pole.

RE will be focused on the religion 'Christianity – Jesus' and the children will learn about how Christians see Jesus as 'Light of the world'. We will look at advent and how light is used, how light is used in everyday life and also the meaning of the Christingle.

PSHE continues is about connecting with others. We will look at how families link together and how each family is unique. We will learn about ways to be kind and respectful to others and how to care for each other. We ill also focus on identifying what a trusted adult is and who they might see as a trusted adult.

Class reminders

PE this half term is taught on Monday and Thursday. Homework will be given out each week on a Friday along with spellings that the children will be tested on each Monday. Maths scrap books will be given out on a Monday to consolidate work they have done in class.