



Year 2 Newsletter – Autumn 1 2022

Dear families,

I hope you have had a wonderful, restful summer break and the children are feeling ready to begin their new and very exciting journey in Year Two! Miss Bettison and I are delighted to be teaching your children and we cannot wait to begin a new year of learning! We are looking forward to working in partnership with you all to help our learners thrive.

As you know, Year 2 is a very important year, with many exciting things to look forward to. We will be working hard this year to make sure all children are ready for Key Stage Two. We will keep you updated with anything you need to know and please do get in touch if there is anything you are unsure of. Please look at what we will be learning this first half term in Year Two.

Our **R.E** topic for the first half term is 'Chosen People'. In this topic, we will be looking at how God has chosen us and how we can thank God by helping others. We will be exploring this topic creatively and focusing on retelling various Bible stories. We will be working towards children planning and delivering their own Collective Worship on a weekly basis and we would like to invite you to share these with us. I will keep you updated with times and dates for these for the Autumn term. This will allow the children to build confidence in planning and delivering the collective worships and will be a wonderful time for us all to reflect each week.

Our humanities topic this half term will be '**Rothwell Miners**'. We will begin this exciting topic by looking at Rothwell Colliery wheel, its history and what we would like to find out. We will use sources to look at how Rothwell has changed and how life was different then compared to now. We will create our own timelines and will look at a 'day in the life of a miner'. We would love to hear from you if you have any relatives who have any knowledge or experiences to share from Rothwell Colliery! We will be exploring this topic through our Art and DT work too as well as having our own miner's day!

In **English**, we will begin the term by exploring performance poetry by Michael Rosen. We will look at the poem 'Scissors' and will work in groups to perform this in different ways. We will then move onto creating our own diaries written from the perspective of a miner and instructional writing on creating a miner's lunch. We will use our writing process of planning, drafting, editing, and publishing to create some wonderful, final pieces! We will continue to focus on our SPaG and will begin the half term recapping key grammar features from Year One.

In **Maths** this half term, we will begin by focusing on place value and addition and subtraction. We will continue to work through our fluency phases and practising answering these as quickly as we can! It would be fantastic if your child could practise their times tables on Times Tables Rockstars and I will ensure that new log ins are sent out for this. White



Rose Hub also has another useful app called 'One Minute Maths' which is good for building fluency skills. If you have any questions about these, do let me know.

In **Science**, we will continue to lead our learning through enquiry questions. This term, as scientists, we will investigate different everyday materials, their properties and suitability. We will plan our own enquiry to find the most suitable materials to create a parachute to try and land a raw egg safely. We will carry out our enquiry and discuss and evaluate our findings from this.

P.E will be on a Monday and Thursday. The children therefore need to **wear their P.E kits to school** on both mornings. This term we will be focusing on invasion games.

Reading

We will have lots of opportunities for reading in class through guided reading sessions, group sessions, free reading and one to one reading. We will be visiting the library and enjoying stories at the end of each day. We are starting the term off by reading 'Where the Wild Things Are'. Please read with your child and note in their reading record when you have done so. Thank you for your continued support with this!

Phonics

We will have phonics sessions daily using 'Little Wandle' we will start by recapping phonemes from Year 1 and move onto growing the code sessions.

Handwriting

We will continue to work on our handwriting focusing on different handwriting families and forming our letters correctly before moving onto learning our first joins.

Spellings in Year 2

As a class we will be focusing on a set of spellings each week in class. These will be put onto google classroom in the second week of half term and it would be fantastic to practise these at home too. It is beneficial if you practise using these words in sentences to encourage children to use the correct spelling when writing independently.

Water bottles – Children will need to bring a water bottle from home and must have this in school every day.

Please note coats, jumpers and fleeces need to be clearly labelled to ensure children don't mix up items with other children.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to working in partnership with you all this year!

Kind regards,

Miss Drury, Miss Bettison and Miss Platt