

**Class 2 Newsletter**

**Term 4 2020**

Dates for this term

5th March – World Book Day

17th & 18th March – Class 2 Parents’ Evenings

25th March – Dance Umbrella

3rd April – End of term 2:30pm

Welcome back!

Welcome back after the half term break. After such a busy and successful term 3 I hope everyone has had a good rest. The children have already made a good start to the new term, with positive attitudes towards their learning and some amazing holiday homework too!

Mrs Adamson

**Thank you for your continued support.**

What we are learning

Our Term 4 topic is Riotous Royalty. This topic will teach the children about the significant British monarchs in history, and gives a more in-depth study of Richard III as well as asking the children to draw comparisons between Elizabeth I and Queen Victoria. The unit consolidates the children's awareness of the past and significant individuals through using timelines and making comparisons between various periods in history.

In Art we will be learning about Self-Portraits. The children will get the chance to explore the portraits and self-portraits of a variety of artists by thinking about what the artist is trying to convey about the subject, as well as the techniques that have been used. The children will also create their own self-portraits using a variety of different techniques and media.

In Literacy we will be writing our own stories with familiar settings, based on the books The Lion in the Meadow by Margaret Mahy and You Choose by Nick Sharratt and Pippa Goodhart. We will also be using the fabulous book Diary of a Wombat by Jackie French as the inspiration to write our own diaries. Our poetry focus will be on poems with a structure.

In Maths we will be begin by exploring division, using sharing and grouping. We will learn how to divide by 2, 5 and 10 and investigate odd and even numbers. Following this we will focus on statistics and how to interpret and construct simple pictograms, tally charts, block diagrams and simple tables. Towards the end of term we will be learning about the properties of 2d and 3d shapes.

Our Science focus this term is on ‘Habitats’. The children will need to think about why animals and plants live in different places. They will explore different habitats, including micro-habitats and investigate how an animal is suited to its habitat and how this can affect the way it looks.

In RE we will continue to think about Why Is Our World Special? We will be exploring how we come to know and understand the world around us.

Reminders

Please remember that PE Kits are needed in school **everyday** for every child**.** Without the right kit it is very hard for your children to enjoy the full curriculum within school. Our days for PE continue to be on a Tuesday and Thursday. Children also need to have a good-fitting pair of daps or trainers for outdoor PE sessions.

We all know that reading is one of the most important fundamental skills children (or anyone) must master to succeed in school and to succeed in life. Almost everything we do involves reading of some form. So, as always, please give your children the opportunity to read to you on a regular basis throughout the week and then to sign their reading record, so that we know how well their reading is going at home and also when to change their book. We are also continuing to award children with a raffle ticket every time they read 5 times across the week. Another lucky winner will be chosen at random at the end of term.