

Year 2 Newsletter

September - October 2014

Literacy— in class we will start of by reading The Twits and will be focusing on using adjectives and similes in our writing to make it more interesting. Later on we will focus on Traditional Tales and will be changing an element of the story to create our own version.

Science—we are going to learn about the importance of keeping healthy and how to keep healthy. We will also be learning about different food groups and the importance of a balanced diet.

ICT—the children will be learning how to do computer programming by programming on-screen using software and will have the opportunity to program a roma as well.

RE—the children will be learning about Buddhism.

PSHE—the children will be learning about New Beginnings and how to manage their feelings.

PE—the children will be learning gymnastic moves and will be learning how to put their moves into a sequence.

Homework

This will be set every **MONDAY** and needs to be returned by the following **MONDAY**. All spellings will be assessed on the **FRIDAY** of the week that they are sent home. Homework sent home directly links into the work the children are doing in class and it is important that it is completed to the highest standard possible in order to consolidate and extend children's learning.

* Who is the main character in the story? * Where is the story set? * What was the problem in the story and how was it solved? * What do you think will happen next in the story? * Which character do you like/dislike most? Why? * What was your favourite part of the story and why? * Which character would you like to be your friend and why?

Numeracy—we will start by ordering and comparing numbers to 100. We will be revising number bonds and focusing on doubling and halving. We will be working out 10 more and 10 less, adding and taking away in multiples of 10s and working with 2D shapes.

Geography—this term we will start by locating the worlds seven continents and five oceans using maps, atlases and globes. Then we will compare and contrast Egremont to a small Mexican village called Tacauro for geographical similarities and differences.

Art and Design—the children will be doing lots of observational drawings and learning how to improve their sketches. They will also work on shading and will try to draw a self-portrait.

Now that the children are at the top of the infants we encourage them to be more independent. Parents are always welcome in the class if they wish to speak to the teacher, otherwise could you please say goodbye to your children in the **cloakroom** and allow the children to **come into class alone and sort out their own belongings.**

Reading

Try to read regularly at home with your child each week and complete their reading record and reading challenge. This is checked each Friday in school to ensure that children are reading at home. When listening to your child read please ask some of the questions below in order to check their understanding of what they are reading, as this will develop their reading skills and comprehension.