**Year 2 Newsletter**

**Summer Term 2021**

Dear Parent,

I hope you all had a fantastic Easter holiday; it was well deserved. We are now moving into your child’s final term in Key Stage 1 and Year 2. I want to start by saying how proud I am of all of the children; they have worked tremendously hard throughout what has been a very strange year. They are a wonderful cohort of children and they make me smile every day. I am looking forward to watching them continue to progress this term and reach their full potential.

As always, it is going to be a very busy term with lots of exciting things planned and I can assure you that your children will continue to shine like the superstars that they are.

**Spring Term Curriculum**

Topic work this half term will focus on our History theme: ‘Nurturing Nurses’. Our work will centre on our History theme, learning about significant people in History including Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell. In English we will be focusing on narrative writing and we will be looking at the two traditional tales: ‘The Three Little Pigs and Little Red Riding Hood’. We also have our World Book Day celebration to look forward to on Thursday 20th May. In Science, we will begin our work on materials and this will link closely with our writing. In PSHE, we will be learning about boys and girls. Please see the separate letter regarding this and return the slip into school as soon as possible.

In Art, we will be looking at the work produced by the famous artist L.S Lowry and the children will be creating their own painting artwork. In Design and Technology, we will be learning how to create a moving mechanism which will link with our History learning

We will be completing two hours of PE every Thursday afternoon and this will alternate between dance and athletics. Please make sure children have a white top, black shorts and appropriate PE shoes in school every week. PE kits must be brought to school on a Monday and they will be sent home on a Thursday evening.

**Reading at home and in school**

Our reading books link closely with our Reading Curriculum and Phonics Programme ‘Letters and Sounds’. Children will continue to bring home a new reading book each week. Please read with your child at home, it is extremely important that all children learn how to read accurately and fluently by the time they leave Key Stage One. It is essential that pupils read at home to an adult at least three times a week and have their reading record signed accordingly. Children will also read weekly to adults in school, both in group sessions and individually. Children will change their books every Monday. We do not expect your child to read a book a night, a couple of pages is acceptable and this way your child will not get bored. Our Read for the Stars programme will resume in the Summer Term.

**Homework**

Homework in the Summer Term will involve children learning their spellings, in preparation for their weekly test on a Friday morning, and completing their reading practice three times per week. In addition to this, pupils will receive a piece of Maths homework weekly. We are conscious that we do not wish to overburden our pupils but know that many of you enjoy completing extra activities with your children and we would encourage you to continue to do so – please feel free to carry out your own research about your child’s topic. Something like a piece of artwork or a game is always great to share with the class and can add valuable contributions to our curriculum.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me and we can discuss them. Here’s to a great end to our Summer term!

Thank you,

Mrs Farrier