

Dear Parents and Carers,

This school year seems to be flying by and we have another busy half term ahead! This next half term we will continue to teach Literacy through implementing the "Read Write Inc." program. This will focus on developing the reading skills of the children and their writing ability. In particular we will focus on strategies for spelling and writing in greater depth. We will then ensure that they are being applied throughout work in other curriculum areas.

During Numeracy sessions we will be looking at handling data and measure, calculating, measuring and understanding shape, securing number facts, relationships and calculating. This half term will see the beginning of our exciting new 'Read, Write, Inc' approach to Numeracy. This will ensure that learning in maths is pitched specifically at the appropriate level for your child. If you are unsure of any of the methods and strategies we use in Maths I will be happy to go through them with you. You can also find more information by following the link below.

<http://www.standards.dfes.gov.uk/primaryframework/mathematics/planning/Year2>

We have a very exciting theme planned for next half term; we will be studying a history based project on 'Castles'. During this theme the children will learn about living in a historical time. They will also compare past and present, learn to ask probing historical questions, experience working as team, and use ICT to represent and record living in 2009. To enable this project to come alive we will organise a 'Castle Celebration' day in school where children have an opportunity to dress up in the costumes of the time, as well as experience a range of activities and pastimes that relate the era being explored.

Our Core Learning Skills this half term will be based on the theme of 'Knowing Me, Knowing You' (Developing a Sense of Self Worth and Understanding of Self and Others) and focus on the four following 'I Can Statements'.

1. I can show interest in those around me and comment on the things I find interesting.
2. I can explain why others may feel the way they do.
3. I can identify what makes me feel safe and secure.
4. I can use simple coping strategies when I encounter a problem.

P.E. will take place on Wednesdays and Thursdays; however there may be occasions when children need their kit on different days. Please ensure that your child has their kit with them each school day. This should consist of plain black shorts and a plain white t-shirt with plimsolls or trainers for indoor P.E. and warmer winter clothes with trainers for outdoor P.E.

Members of the Year 2 team are always available before or after school for a quick chat. If you would like a longer discussion please book an appointment through the school office.

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