

Week beginning: 06.09.21



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely summer. It has been so lovely to see all the children again and we are so impressed and proud of how well they have all come back and already settled into their new classes. ☺

Our topic this term is '*Splash!*' and we have been busy planning lots of exciting and interesting learning activities linked to the topic. Please find attached the topic overview for the first half term.

Next week we will be sharing the text, *Here We Are* by Oliver Jeffers, and linking this to all aspects of the children's learning. There are just some examples of the activities the children will be taking part in listed below.

**Time Capsule** - We will be creating our own time capsule with the children and inviting the children to complete a range of different tasks such as a self-portrait, measuring their height, drawing and writing about their favourite things etc. We will then keep these safely until the summer term and repeat the activities to compare and see how much the children have changed.

**Google Earth** - The children will be using the Chrome Books to explore Google Earth and locate countries and places of interest. We will be discussing key landmarks and features of places they are familiar with and use these to create our own maps.

**Solar System chalk pictures** - The children will be creating their own chalk pictures of planets and the solar system and experimenting with colour and techniques.

**Wonderful World** - We will be learning the song, *What a Wonderful World*, as a class. During the course of the week we will be learning sign language to accompany the song and perform it as a class at the end of the week. We will also be sharing and discussing what we find wonderful about the world.

**Caring for our World** - The children will be looking at the different parts of the world explored in the text and considering how it is important to look after our environment. We will be creating our own posters to encourage people to take care of the world around us.

**Reading** - Please read with your child every night for 10 minutes and ask them questions about the book. Books will be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

**PE** - Year 2 will have PE on the following days: \* **Leopards - Monday**  
\* **Tigers and Lions - Tuesday**

Our Multi-Sport lessons will be on Wednesday morning.

As independence is such an important aspect of what we teach here at Manby Lodge we will be reintroducing children getting changed at school for their PE lessons. We would therefore like to ask all children to bring their PE kits into school next week (W/C 6<sup>th</sup> September) for these lessons. They are able to leave their PE kits at school on their pegs for the half term. Please ensure all kits is named and brought into school in a named PE bag. Thank you!

We would like to invite you all to a Meet the Teacher welcome meeting on the following dates:

**Lions and Leopards - Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 9am**

**Tigers - Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 1pm.**

Due to the success of holding meeting with parents and carers via Teams last year, and to support working parents and enable them to join the meetings, the Meet the Teacher Meeting will be virtual. We will send out a Teams link and invite ASAP. We look forward to seeing you all then.

If you have any questions or concerns, regarding your child, please see your child's class teacher.

**Thank you for you continued support,**

**The Year 2 Team ☺**