

Week beginning: 11.09.23



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we officially begin our topic for the autumn term, Splash! We will be starting the week with a 'Super Starter' which will involve the children being introduced to the topic through several fun, water-based challenges. These will include - designing and making a device to try to prevent a water balloon from bursting when dropped from a height, exploring ways to free the penguin from ice and designing and making a boat that successfully floats! We hope to be able to share some photos from the morning with you all via Teams.

English - In English we will be reading the text, "Lost and Found" by Oliver Jeffers. We will spend the first week learning the story using a 'Talk for Writing' story map which uses key words, pictures, symbols, and actions to help children to internalise the story. We will then explore the author's use of vocabulary and consider why certain words have been used, the effect they have for the reader and their meaning. We will end the week focussing on the use of adjectives to create noun phrases to describe the main characters culminating in the children making a 'FOUND' poster for the penguin in the story to help find where he has come from and who he might belong to.

Maths - In maths we will begin to look at place value and learning what the digits in a number represent. The children will be looking at 2-digit number and partitioning them into tens and ones using a range of different resources. E.g. 21 is 2 tens and 1 one. We will be exploring the different ways we can represent the numbers and show what they are made up of.

PSHE - We will be discussing our classroom and school expectations focussing on being 'SAFE, READY and RESPECTFUL'. Children will be considering what this looks like in different situations around school and creating our own class posters.

Geography - We will be learning about the continents in the world. Children will be identifying them and locating where they are in the world.

Music - The children will be learning about pulse rhythm and pitch and learning the song "Music is in my soul".

DT - Next week in our English lessons we will be using puppets to retell a familiar story. This week in DT we will be asking the children to design and make these puppets. We will be encouraging the children to carefully consider the tools, resources, and techniques they can use to make their puppets. The children will be experimenting with cutting, shaping, joining, and finishing their product. We are looking forward to seeing the children's creations!

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

Please send your child in with their PE kit, if you haven't already, and ensure they leave it on their peg ready for each PE lesson. We will send the kits home at half term. Thank you 😊

Our Multi-Sport lessons will be on Thursday morning.

Friendly Plea! ☺

For our Super Starter, we would be grateful if you could kindly send your child in with any junk modelling materials such as, cardboard boxes (nothing that has contained nuts please), kitchen roll tubes, plastic punnets, plastic bags, yogurt pots and plastic bottles. Our DT activity next week will involve puppet making and we are hoping to use kitchen roll tubes to do so. We would therefore be very grateful if you are able to send your child in with some kitchen roll tubes by Wednesday. Thank you in advance for your help.

Key Dates:

We will be holding Meet the Teacher meetings for each class during the week commencing 11th September.

Lions - Monday 11th September 9.15 am in the Hall

Tigers - Tuesday 12th September 9.15 am in the Hall

Leopards - Wednesday 13th September 9.15 am in the Hall.

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

**Thank you for your continued support,
The Year 2 Team ☺**