

# YEAR TWO TOPIC NEWSLETTER



## Autumn Term 2023



### Art Attack (2 weeks)

The first exciting topic that the children will embark upon in Year 2 is called Art Attack. To begin this topic, the children will replicate a big art project, where they will create a hot air balloon out of different coloured clothing and school items. Furthermore, the children will learn about sculptures and be inspired by famous artists such as Barbara Hepworth, Henry Moore and Andy Goldsworthy. In our art lessons, the children will have the opportunity to make their own sculptures out of clay and create seasonal art work in the style of our focus artists. In our literacy lessons, the focus will be poetry and poems about colour. The children will then have the opportunity to write their own colour poems that will be full of exciting descriptions and interesting vocabulary. In maths, we will be starting the children off by looking at place value, using concrete, pictorial and abstract methods. At the end of this topic, the children will have the chance to share all of their amazing work, with you, at an art exhibition in the school hall.

### Focus Author

This half term, we will be reading and discussing books and stories written by the author Roald Dahl, such as 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' and 'Matilda'.

### Gym/Dance and Outdoor Games

Giraffes: Monday and Thursday

Zebras: Wednesday and Thursday

Meerkats: Monday and Tuesday

In outdoor games, we follow the GetSet4PE program which is fully aligned to the National Curriculum and Ofsted requirements and focuses on the development of fitness with regards to agility, balance, coordination and cooperative learning.

Please help us to keep your child safe by removing their earrings on PE days, otherwise they will be unable to take part in these sessions. Please also ensure that if your child has long hair, it is tied back; their PE kit is in school and that their clothes are clearly labelled with their name. Your child's PE bag will stay at school all half term and be sent home for a wash in the holidays.

# *P.S.H.E. and Religion and Worldviews*

*Carrying on from Year 1, the children will continue to follow a scheme of work based on JIGSAW in PSHE lessons by thinking about and discussing the values of trust, excellence, aspirations, collaboration and honesty. They will be reminded of the school charters for a 'happy class'. Also, they will be learning to feel good about themselves; to understand how they and others are feeling and to know what to do to make the classroom and school a safe and fair place.*

*In Religion and Worldviews, the children will be learning about Christianity.*

## *Diary Dates*

*Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September – First day back at school*

*Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September - Year 2 Welcome to Base presentation - 6.00pm*

*Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September - Sparkly starter – Big Art/Hot Air Balloon*

*Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September – Art Exhibition*

*\* Letters about all of these events will follow nearer to the time \**

*If you have any questions about this newsletter, please contact your child's class teacher.*

*Thank you for your continued support,*

*The Year 2 Team*

*Teaching Staff - Year Two*

*Mr Walters, Mr Baumber, Miss Davies, Miss Clark, Mrs Doyle*

*Teaching Assistants and Individual Support Assistants*

*Mrs Bailey, Mrs Steinwartz, Mrs Luffman, Ms Tarasenko, Miss Parker and Mrs Watt*