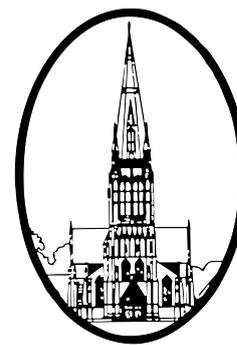


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*'Through God's love, we strive to be  
 the best we can be.'*

9<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to the first half of the spring term!

Your child's topic this half term will be  
**Animals, Including Humans**  
*Focus: Science*

Year 2 will be starting their new topic this week. We will be learning about animals, including humans. We will learn: how animals, including humans, change as they grow; about the basic needs of animals and their habitats; the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene and to carry out simple tests, using measuring equipment and to gather and record our data.

Here is an overview of the topics that will be covered in the other curriculum areas.

Literacy	<p>The first book we will be reading is <i>The Princess and the White Bear King</i> by Tanya Robyn Batt*.</p> <p>The children will continue learning how to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- make predictions and inferences</li> <li>- describe characters and settings</li> <li>- write poetry.</li> </ul> <p>* Spelling, punctuation and grammar will continue to be taught throughout the term.</p>
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Place value</li> <li>- Addition &amp; subtraction</li> <li>- Multiplication and division</li> <li>- Measures</li> <li>- Money</li> <li>- Time</li> </ul>
PE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Throwing and catching</li> </ul>
PHSCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Going for goals</li> <li>- Rights and responsibilities</li> <li>-The local environment</li> </ul>
RE	<p>Christianity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the idea and meaning of belonging to a church or other religious community</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jesus' baptism and how baptism helps Christians belong to a church (we will also visit St Mary's church where Dilly will explain how baptisms are performed)</li> <li>- why marriage in church is important to Christians</li> <li>- how promises are important in both Christian Baptism and Christian marriage.</li> </ul>
Spanish	- Communication skills

## PE

Your child's PE days are **Monday** and **Tuesday**; **all children need to bring PE kits**. Please ensure your child comes to school with their PE kit.

## Homework

Homework will continue to be sent out every Friday and returned the following Thursday.

## Reading

We expect that your child reads on a daily basis for 10 – 20 minutes and that you sign your child's reading log every day to say that they have done this. Please can you discuss the plot and characters as well as the meaning of new words children encounter. This will help to develop comprehension skills. Your child's reading book will be changed every Thursday and their reading book checked, so please bring this in along with homework books.

## Times Tables

By the end of Year 2, children are expected to know their 2, 5 and 10 times tables off by heart, including being able to count on 10 from any number e.g. 22, 32, 42, 52 etc.

We will practise this in maths every day through games. Please ensure your child practises these times tables on a daily basis as part of their homework routine.

## Drinking water

We encourage children to drink water throughout the day. Please ensure your child has a **named** water bottle in school. They can either bring this home each day or leave it at school and refill it each morning.

Finally, I would just like to remind you that the school gates open at 8.50am each morning and that your child should be settled in class by 9am when learning starts. We will be practising handwriting each morning so it is vital that your children are on time. Please remember that the school day ends at 3.30pm and that children must be collected on time. Children will be returned to parents individually by me each day except on Wednesday when they will be dismissed by Ms Barker. It is important that staff are able to prepare lessons and attend staff meetings directly after school; therefore parents of children that are collected late will be fined £10.

I look forward to working with you all during what I'm sure will be a successful school term. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to come and talk to me in the playground after school or make an appointment with me, at the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Joanna Mosedale