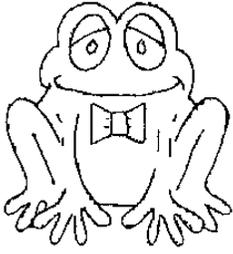


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Year 2 Summer term 2017 letter to parents

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to what promises to be a full and exciting summer term. Once again, we would like to share with you some of the things that your children will be learning over the coming weeks. This term we will investigate: Nurturing Nurses and The Seaside - Past and Present.



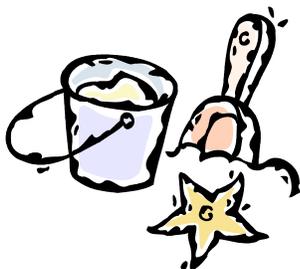
Nurturing Nurses

This topic will begin after Easter and will look at the work of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole during the Crimean War of 1854. We will also find out about Edith Cavell who nursed in World War One. We will research to find out about life in Victorian and Edwardian times. All of our work during this topic will lead up to a drama re enactment day where the boys will take the role of the soldiers and the girls will become Florence Nightingale's nurses. The gender roles are to keep the drama historically accurate. Topic time will be spent creating our own interpretations of the Crimean War and Nurturing Nurses through art, music and drama.

Seaside - Past and Present

We will be visiting Southsea (date to be confirmed) to participate in many fun and exciting activities. As always in order for this to be possible we will need DBS parents to join us. The children will be guided to take a closer look at the seaside environment and the signs and signposts. We will discover what the seaside is like now and we will compare this to what it was like long ago. In conjunction with Hampshire Wardrobe, the children will investigate a range of historical artefacts relating to the seaside and they will be asked to form their own ideas about what the artefacts are and what they were used for.

In the classroom there will be a display for children to bring in pictures of themselves at the beach. If you have a photo which we could borrow showing the beaches across the years we would love to use them in our topic sessions. Please



make sure these photographs are named so that we can return them to the correct people. Do you have a tale about a holiday you have had at the seaside that you would like to share with year 2? If so speak to one of us to find a convenient time to come into the school.



Linked to this topic we will be making lighthouses and would appreciate any help on these days as many hands make light work. Please speak to your child's teacher to find out more details about when we will be beginning this.

Literacy

Literacy will be very different this half term. We have recently tested all children in preparation for introducing Read Write Inc. Those who have shown they have a confident grasp of all the different sounds and can read at a fluent rate will be working with Miss Swain on 'mastery tasks' aiming to push on their writing and reading. The children for whom we have identified gaps will be working on Read Write Inc. a new literacy system which incorporates reading, writing and phonics. The majority will be with Miss Harper but some will be in other groups across the Key Stage. If you have any questions about what group your child is now in, please speak to your child's class teacher. Rest assured that whatever group your child is in they will be meeting all of the curriculum requirements for Year 2 and will be prepared for our SATs tests.

Numeracy

Skills we will be focusing on are:

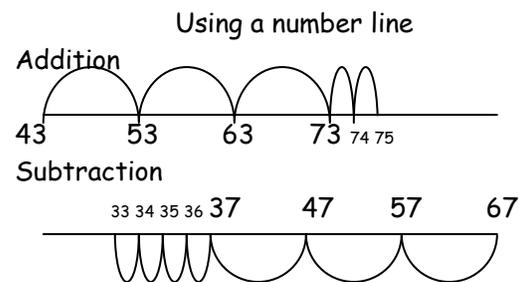
- counting forwards and backwards in 2's 3's,5's, and 10's from a given number
- partitioning numbers into tens and units
- strategies for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division

Addition

- Keep the first number whole!
- $43 + 32$ (partition the 2nd number to 30 and 2)
- $43 + 30 = 73$
- $73 + 2 = 75$

Subtraction

- Remember to keep the first number whole!
- $67 - 34 =$
- $67 - 30 = 37$
- $37 - 4 = 33$



We will also be revising all maths skills we have covered this half term in preparation for the KS1 maths SATs papers and the move to Key Stage 2.

Science

In science, this half term we will be looking at 'Animals including humans'. It will include looking at life cycles and how animals change as they grow older. We will also incorporate work on healthy eating and looking after ourselves to ensure we stay healthy. Next half term we will be taking the opportunity to consolidate all the science we have covered in Year 2 in preparation for the move to Key Stage 2 in September!

Physical Activities

In the first half term we will be doing cricket on a Tuesday with a cricket coach. In the second half term we will be doing outdoor PA as practise for sport day. We can not stress enough how important it is for your child to have their PA kit in school all week complete with appropriate foot wear. Children become distressed if they have to borrow kit from the school. We would like to remind you that, in the interests of safety, earrings must be removed or covered during PA lessons and long hair should be tied back. Also, as the weather is improving, children should

bring a water bottle into school and you may wish to provide your child with a sun hat and sun cream (which they need to apply to themselves).

Homework

Your child will continue to complete homework in their purple homework book. This will include reading 3 times a week, spellings to practise and maths activities. We may send home CPG Maths revision books for homework some weeks and will explain as to what page your child needs to complete. Please remember to encourage your child to change their reading book frequently (they can change it any afternoon) and make use of our library visits on Monday.

As usual, if you have any questions about the subjects that your child will be learning or any other queries, please do not hesitate to come in and see us - we are available most days after school and can usually be found on the playground at 3.15, however, if you would like to make a more private appointment to see us please contact the office.

Miss Swain (2S)

Miss Harper (2H)