



HERNE BAY INFANT SCHOOL

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Term 1

September 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school and to Year 2! We have an exciting term ahead. Please come along to our 'Curriculum Talk' on Thursday 14th September to find out more about learning in Year 2. We are holding two talks; the first at 2:00pm and then later at 7:00 pm.

Connector –Our Connector for this term is '**From Field to Fork**'.

Our Stunning Starter trip will get us thinking about the fruit and vegetables we eat and the different places where they are grown. We will use atlases to see where in the world our food is grown, write poetry about the delicious food we eat and sketch fruit and vegetables using different skills to produce observational drawings. For our Fabulous Finisher, we will enjoy tasting fresh produce at a Harvest Supper.

Educational Visits - As part of our 'Stunning Starter' each class will be visiting Peter's Produce to find out about the food that they sell. On the same day, we will be going to Morrisons to see the bakery and how bread is made. (See dates below) If you are able to assist and help you child's class walk to these places, please speak to your child's Class Teacher. We are so grateful for volunteers! Thank you in advance.

Harvest- On the 11th, 12th and 13th of October are our 'Dazzle Days' and we will be focusing on Harvest. The children will make vegetable soup, look at the artist Van Gogh, print patterns and make music to the theme of Harvest. For our 'Fabulous Finisher' we will have a harvest supper.

Book bags- Please ensure your child brings their book bag to school every day. They will bring in and take home their home/school contact book; any important messages can be shared here and a record of their reading. They will take home a colour banded reading book, a book from the class book corner and a levelled Read Write, Inc. book from their RWI group. Please take time to practise reading these with your child.

English- First we will share poems and use our senses to write poetry about food. Later, with a focus on Winnie the Witch, we will continue to build on the children's written sentences and improve them by using adjectives. Children will look at characters and describe them by personality and how they look.

Maths- Our Maths lessons will be building on the children's understanding of number and place value using numbers up to 100. They will be counting in 2's, 5's and 10's and learning different ways to add and subtract using a range of equipment.

Science- During, Term 1 children will learn about things that are living, not living and things that were alive but are no longer. The children will be exploring the school grounds to find evidence of these things. After that the children will be looking at how animals and humans grow and change as they get older and the differences between humans and animals.

P.E. –

P.E. days:

Bees – Monday and Tuesday

Butterflies – Wednesday and Friday

Dragonflies – Monday and Friday

Ladybirds – Tuesday and Thursday

Dates for your Diaries –

Year 2 Curriculum Talk:

14/09/17 at 2:00 pm or 7:00 pm

Peters Produce/Morrisons visits:

12/09/17 - Dragonfly and Bee Class

13/09/17 - Ladybird and Butterfly Class

Book Fair

11/09/17 – 15/09/17

Year 2 Parent Reading Morning:

19/09/17 8:40-9:00 am

KS1 Parents' Evenings:

17/10/17 1:45 pm – 5:30 pm or

19/10/17 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Class Assemblies:

29/09/17 9.15am– Butterfly Class

6/10/17 9.15am – Bee Class

13/10/17 9.15am – Ladybird Class

Harvest Assembly at the Church:

19/10/17- 9.30am

Cake Sale:

20/10/17

We have 2 sessions of P.E. each week. Please take out any earrings at home on the mornings of your child's P.E. day. Unfortunately, we cannot help children to take earrings out and they are not able to take part in P.E. with them in. It is best to keep your child's P.E. kit in school at all times.

Water bottles are 70p and can be purchased from the office – please send the money in a named envelop.

Cake Sale!

We will be holding a cake sale on the last day of term to raise funds for our Stunning Starter for Term 2. Please donate, come and enjoy some cakes with us!

How can you support learning at home?

Speaking and Listening

Talk to your child about what they have done at school each day (even if they have forgotten it all!) Ask them if they have learnt any new words – practice using them together. Using rich language is our school priority, Introduce your child to new words whenever you can.

Reading

Read with your child as much as possible, ideally every day. Read books before bedtime and listen to your child read the RWI and coloured books. There should be a bookmark with the coloured book with advice on questions to ask to help your child improve their reading skills. If your child brings home words to learn please practise these daily.

Spelling

Words of the week will be sent out weekly. Look out for the email and practice in whichever fun way you like. Our suggested method this term is Pyramid Spelling. In Year 2 spelling is a focus so practising each day will help your child to become a better speller!

Writing

You could use the spellings and write sentences with them. Encouraging your child to write in cursive - handwriting sheets will be given out at the parents' meeting. Encourage and praise your child when writing for pleasure; taking notes, writing stories or keeping a journal.

Maths

Your child would benefit from support with their Maths targets which will be discussed at parents evening. A good website for practising number bonds, doubles, halving and times tables is <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> Talk about using money and the coins we use. You could use them to count in 2s, 5s, or 10s as these are the times tables we will be focussing on. If you are measuring in the kitchen or on bathroom scales, get them involved and talking about numbers.

Science

Look for signs of living and not living when you are out and about. You could also find different pictures of things that you have found that are living/not living and bring them into school to share.

Discuss with your child that living things move, eat, breath, grow and have babies. Talk about the life cycle of a chicken/frog/butterfly and how they are the same/different. You could look at different mammals and talk about how they are different to birds and that animals can do different things. You could find out what a herbivore and a carnivore is and find out which animals belong to which group. Finally, encourage your child to ask questions!

Connector

Talk to your child about where the food that we eat comes from. Perhaps find out how different food is grown. Which foods grow under the ground, over ground or grow on trees? Maybe you could encourage your child to learn a new art skill? Could they use fruit and vegetables for printed? Which ones make the best pattern? Another idea is to create a collage using different materials of fruit and vegetables. On packets of food look at what country they come from and find this on a map.

Learning

Be positive about learning and school. Encourage your child to be pleased with their mistakes because now they have learnt something new, or are persevering to learn that thing. If they are stuck in a situation, ask them how they could solve their problem and help them to think of solutions on their own. Finally, make the learning fun; play games, sing songs, set challenges. Anything you/they like!

If you have any questions about any of this, or would like more help on how to help your child to learn, please ask us and we will be happy to help you!

Best wishes,

Year 2 Staff