

Welcome back to a new school year. It is lovely to see children moving up through the school. There are lots of changes to what we will teach because we have a new curriculum introduced this term in line with all schools in the country.

Mrs Walls has very kindly passed on her reading diaries and I would like to continue to use these. I'd like to thank you for reading with your child and for helping with homework. It is much appreciated and does help your child make progress in school.

I have already arranged appointments with some parents of Year2 children to come and talk about their work and what they can expect this year. If you have a child in Year 2 and haven't yet spoken to me, please come and do so.

Literacy

The children will work in mixed groups on phonics and spelling skills depending on their own need. Spellings will be taught and tested in these groups.

Our main focus this term is will be to develop our spoken and written language. We will concentrate on creating high quality sentences. We will also work on our handwriting and presentation, starting to join letters when we can.

Topics to cover include:

Stories in familiar settings

Traditional tales

Postcards and letters

Information texts

Songs and repetitive poems

Traditional poems for young children

Numeracy

- Addition and subtraction skills
- Understanding of multiplication, division and fractions
- Properties of shape and symmetry
- Time
- Data handling

Science

Year 2 will have science lessons with Mrs Walls and will start with plants and animals.

Year 3 will be joined by Year 4 for Science with Mr Kilcoyne. The topic for this term will include teeth, digestion and nutrition, skeletons, muscles and joints, and the effect of exercise

French - Year 3 and 4

This will be new to Year 3, but Year 4 will be able to revisit and develop a lot of their skills. Topics include numbers and counting, parts of the body (to link with our Science) and animals at home and in the zoo.

All Key Stage 2

PE - We are fortunate to have coaches coming from Multisports Pro and from Carre's Grammar School this year. MSP will teach fitness skills and invasion games to Years 3-6. From November, gymnastic skills will be introduced. Carre's Grammar School will teach about exercise and healthy living. The children will need PE kit every day as there may be some sport right throughout the week.

PSHE -Changes. How do we deal with change when it occurs?

RE - Muslim beliefs and culture.

Our main topic will have a **History** focus: *From the Stone Age to the Iron Age*. We will find out about very early periods in history, and learn how to be an archaeologist. We will develop our Technology skills by building houses from the time studied and find out how people lived in the past.