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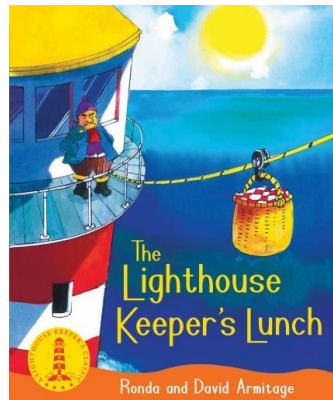
Dear Parents/Carers,

This is our second newsletter of the year. Firstly, we would like to wish you a Happy New Year and we hope you had a lovely break. We have lots to do this term and we hope the children will enjoy and be successful in this term's learning. We encourage parents to ensure that attendance is good so that they receive the best opportunities to make progress.

English/Geography

This year we will be continuing to use 'The Cornerstones Curriculum' to share fun and creative lessons. These topics are very exciting and will fill the children with great enthusiasm for their learning! Our second topic this term will be '**Coastlines**'. We are going to be looking at an amazing book called '**The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch**', from which we will create our very own narrative.

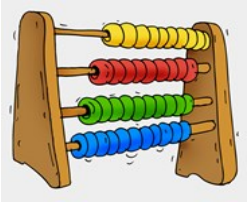
This project also teaches children about the physical and human features of coastal regions across the United Kingdom.



Reading will continue as part of our Guided Reading sessions. Please may we stress, the importance of continuing to listen to your child read. This year there will an even bigger **focus on developing your child's reading skills**. There is an expectation **that you hear your child read at least 5 times during the week**.

Please also spend some time discussing story structure, characters and events with your child to ensure that they are understanding what they are reading so that they experience the pleasure of story telling. Please use the support questions to guide you which are at the back of your child's reading record. Don't forget **to sign your child's reading record** so that they can earn their rewards!

Maths

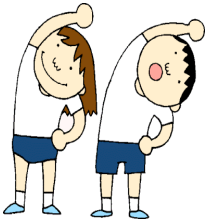


This term we will be learning about money. They will be able to recognise different coins and notes and calculate money. When shopping with your child, please allow your child to handle money so they can understand the value of money in real life. The children will also be looking at multiplication and division. They will consolidate their 2's, 5's and 10 times tables and will be able to divide by 2, 5 and 10.



They will also be able to double and half and recognise odd and even numbers. We will also learn about measurement. The children will be able to measure in centimetres and metres, also compare lengths. Mass is another topic the children will be learning about, they will be learning about grams and kilograms/millilitres and litres.

PE



The children will be taught physical education lessons each week. **PE will be on a Thursday.** Please **send your children into school dressed in their PE kit** which includes a t-shirt, shorts/leggings/ tracksuit bottoms and trainers. Please can you also **remove all jewellery** on PE days and tie back hair for health and safety reasons.

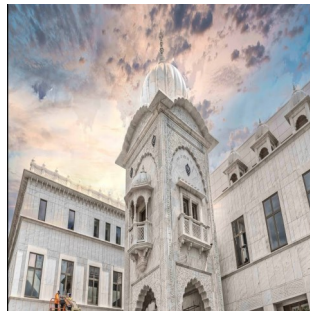
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Linking with our 'Coastlines' topic, the children will be looking at 'Flower Heads'. This project teaches children about the visual elements of flowers, including shape, texture, colour, pattern and form. They also explore various artistic methods, including drawing, printmaking and 3-D forms, using paper and clay. They will also be **designing and making beach huts.**



RE

This term we will look at celebrations and understand why people celebrate. We also have an educational visit booked to visit the Gurdwara in Barking, where children get to understand the religion of Sikhism and write a recount based on their trip.



PSHE



We will continue to promote the school and British values. We will be introducing our 5 core values and children will be engaged in different activities which will further enhance their understanding of the values and how they can demonstrate them. Please discuss the school values with children and let them know when they have demonstrated them at home.

Homework

Homework is given out on Fridays and should be returned by the following Wednesday. The children will receive one piece of English and one piece of Maths homework each week. The homework will consolidate their learning during the week. In addition, we will be providing homework on MyMaths and PurpleMash. Please continue to check that your child has completed their homework on time. If your child has had any difficulties completing the homework then please let your child's teacher know.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support,

The Year 2 Team

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