Year 2 – Learning Letter Term 2

A general note:
We can't believe it is term two already. We hope you all had a good half term break. We made a fantastic start to school last term. Thank you for all the recycling you sent in to school for the DT project. The DT day was a huge success with the children using their fantastic imaginations to design and create an eco-superhero costume which resulted in them parading along the corridor and doing their best superhero poses!

We had a lot of lost property last term so please can we ask that all clothing has your child's name in it and make sure that your child brings a coat to school every day.

English:
We will be looking at the text 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark' by Jill Tomlinson. We will continue to use the Writing Rainbow and develop skills in writing effective sentences. We will also look at non-fiction books with a focus on Florence Nightingale.
We will spend a lot of time developing the children's understanding of sentences and the essential skills of correct punctuation, spelling and letter formation. Your continued support with reading at least four times a week at home will also help improve reading and writing skills.

Maths:
We will continue to use a practical approach to teaching maths where children are encouraged to use concrete apparatus and drawings to represent their understanding. This will help them to further develop their place value skills and gain a greater understanding of multiplication and division. Ideally, all pupils need speedy recall of number facts to 10 and 20 and to be able to count on and back in 2s, 5s and 10s from any number. We will also learn to tell the time.

Science:
We will continue to use our scientific knowledge in our learning and continue to develop our investigation skills. We will be focusing on light and different sources of light, whilst making cross curricular links with history and Florence Nightingale.

Art:
We will learn about primary, secondary and complimentary colours and use these to explore the differences in shades and tones, using earth and complementary colours. We will also look at the artists Kandinsky and Frost.

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Extra-Curricular Activities (including trips):
Year 2 Christmas Assembly (TBC)

Visitor -Owls Flight Experience
Wednesday 22nd November23

Buddy Visit to Juniors
Tuesday 12th December

Class Teachers: Mrs Harris (Mon- Wed) and Mr Gosling (Thur- Fri)
Teaching Assistants: Mrs Berry, Miss Owens and Mrs Guild
PPA cover: Mrs King and Mrs King

Topic: Light and Dark

History:
We will focus on lives of significant individuals including Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. We will use our investigation skills to find out key facts about these people and understand more about how the past has influenced the future.

Computing:
We will continue developing keyboard skills and recapping how to use the programme Purplemash. This term, your child will learn how to email each other and they can send us messages too! Remember, you can also access Purplemash from home.
We will also look at online safety activities.

PE:
We will be exploring different ways of expressing ourselves through dance. We will learn how to portray, light and dark shadows.. PE will be on Wednesdays but please make sure your child's PE kit is always in school.

Home Learning:
Please hear your child read as often as you can at home. We expect the children to read at least four times in a week and for you to record this in the reading record. Every child who reads at least four times a week will increase their chances of taking home the reading Buddy bag! Please also continue to support your children with their phonic knowledge.

Communication:
Staff are on the door to take daily messages. If you need to speak to your child's class teacher and would like to make an appointment to see them either contact the office or email us direct. We have more time after school to talk.
Please be aware that unless appointments are made then staff are unlikely to be able to talk at the start of the day as they have commitments to a class of children.