Year 2 – Learning Letter Term 1

A general note:
Welcome back to year 2. We hope you all had a wonderful summer and were able to enjoy the good weather. This term will be filled with lots of new and exciting learning opportunities for the children to get involved with.
The safety and well-being of your child is always at the heart of everything we do so we will be making sure that there is daily exercise in or outside the classroom.

DT Recycled materials: Please could you collect clean crisp packets, brown paper packaging, and any useful items that could be reused for the children to make their superhero costumes. We will let you know when we need the full carrier bag in school later in the term.

Class Teachers: Mrs Coogan (Mon,Tues,Thurs,Fri) and Mr Gosling (Weds)
Teaching Assistants: Mrs Cook and Mrs Guild .
Class: Rabbits
PPA cover: Mrs Pullinger and Mrs King

Topic: How can I help my community and planet?
In DT we will be focusing on joining techniques and choosing appropriate materials to recycle in order to design, create and evaluate our very own "Eco hero" costumes. This will culminate in a fashion show with the other class (date TBC). In Geography we are learning about the 7 continents and 5 oceans, and how to use world maps, globes and atlases. We will then expand this to look at the countries of the UK before finally looking at the UKs position within the wider world. In RE the children will be finding all about Muslim's and how they live.

English:
We are focusing on developing the children's speaking and listening skills so they can clearly articulate their thoughts and ideas as well as listen to others – even if they do not agree. We are going to focus on well-being and kindness towards each other in the first few weeks back and so we will be looking at the texts The Crow's Tale and Flotsam. We will then move onto use the texts "A Planet Full of Plastic" and "The Great Paper Chase" to stimulate writing simple narratives, non-fictions posters and texts, and opinion pieces about the environment. 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. Support with this at home in reading and in writing is much appreciated.

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Computing:
We will be learning about technology in the past and now, including the development of digital photography. We will then be using 2simple software to take, edit and print our own photos, capturing our images as superheroes! We will also remind children how to keep safe when learning on line.

PE:
We will be exploring different ways of throwing and catching a ball, improving our co-ordination, balance and skill before using these to participate in and eventually create our own games. PE will be on Wednesdays so your child needs to make sure their PE kit is always in school.

Maths:
This term will begin with a focus on place value; we will recap skills started in Year 1 and continue to look at ways children can use equipment to represent their understanding. We will also be showing the children how to partition numbers up to 100, and for some beyond. We then show how by doing this, we can improve our addition and subtraction skills using equipment, pictures and number sentences. We will count regularly in 2s, 5s and 10s and for some children in 3s. Towards the end of the term, we will look at units of measurement and learn to use appropriate vocabulary and measure confidently and accurately.

Extra-Curricular Activities (including trips):
Class Assembly: Friday 29th September

Trip- Welly Walk to the Country Park- Wednesday 4th October

Year 2 ECO Superhero fashion show – date to be confirmed

Home Learning:
Please hear your child read as often as you can at home.
The children can change their book once they have read it at least three times.

Science:
We will begin by looking at scientists and teach the children how to be scientists themselves by using the key skills of investigation, observation, questioning, recording and concluding. Our principle focus this term will be on living things and their habitats for which we will be making good use of the wildlife area. We will begin to classify and compare different habitats and link with seasonal change.

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 when they have commitments to a class of children!