Year 2 – Learning Letter Term 1

A general note:
We hope you have a wonderful summer and we look forward to welcoming you back to school for Year 2 next year. The term will be filled with lots of new and exciting learning opportunities for the children to get involved with.

DT Recycled materials: Please could you collect recycling (e.g. cardboard, cardboard tubes, plastic pots) and send this in with your child to be used in continuous provision. We would also appreciate fabric donations to support our superhero cape project and to use in continuous provision.

PE: PE will be on Tuesdays this term. Your child should **wear their PE kit to school** on these days.

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. In writing, we are going to focus on well-being and kindness towards each other in the first few weeks back so we will be looking at the texts "The Crow's Tale" followed by "Flotsam." 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.

In reading, we will be using the Pawsome Reading Gang to deepen understanding of our texts. We will start the term reading, "The Great Paper Caper," a mystery narrative.
We will then move onto to read a non-fiction text, "A Planet Full of Plastic."

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 beyond for some. 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 we will begin to explore counting in 3s.

PE:
We will be exploring different ways of throwing and catching a ball, improving our co-ordination and balance before using these skills to participate in and eventually create our own games.

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Extra-Curricular Activities (including trips):

Trip – Bedgebury Pinetum (date tbc)

Year 2 Superhero fashion show (date tbc)

Class Teachers: Mrs Aucock (Foxes) and Miss Vanderstappen (Rabbits)
Teaching Assistants: Mrs Johnson, Miss Richardson, Miss James, Miss Richards, Mrs Buckingham
PPA cover: Mrs Pullinger and Mrs Berry

Subject Thread: 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 superhero costumes. There will be a Year 2 fashion show to celebrate our fantastic work.
In Geography, we are learning about the continents and 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 UK's position within the wider world.
In RE, the children will be finding all about Muslims and how they live.

Science:
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 understand their food chains.

Computing:
Children will develop their understanding of what information technology (IT) is. They will discuss where they have seen IT in school and beyond, in settings such as shops, hospitals, and libraries. Learners will then investigate how IT improves our world, and they will learn about the importance of using IT responsibly.

Home Learning:
Please listen to your child read as often as you can at home. We would like the children to read at least four times in a week and for this to be recorded in their reading record please.

Communication:
Staff are on the door to take daily messages.

Please note our staff training days are Monday this term, but you could catch us on other days after school.

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