

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 2 have completed another successful term and I can't believe that we are now into our summer term! We have lots of exciting learning to look forward to as well as our class trip to Brockholes Nature Reserve!

### **English**

Our main text will be the children's classic, *The Wind in the Willows*. We will be writing our own animal adventure stories, letters and looking at classic poetry. Then we will move onto *Buckets and Spades*. The children will be looking at a story as a theme and explanation texts.

We will continue to have daily guided reading sessions.

### **Maths**

Lessons in Maths will continue to follow the Power Maths scheme. Year 2 will be learning about fractions, time, position and direction and statistics. To prepare the children for Key Stage Two, there will be a greater emphasis on problem solving and efficient methods.

We will continue to have a multiplication and division quiz every Friday. This will be a random selection of 10 questions from the 2, 3, 5 and 10 x tables.

### **Religious Education (RE)**

In the first half term, Year 2 will be looking at the question: What happened at the Ascension and Pentecost? The aim of this unit is to begin to develop the children's knowledge and understanding of these two very significant events and give children an opportunity to begin to explore the concept of God as three in one.

After the May half term break, we will be answering the question: Why is the Church a special place for Christians? In these lessons, Year 2 will develop a greater understanding of 'church' as a holy place and a body of people.

### **Science**

Our science focus this term is *Living Things and their Habitats*. Our class trip has been arranged to support our learning in this unit. We will also be learning about the life and work of David Attenborough. This unit of work helps to develop children's natural curiosity and wonder for the natural world while honing key skills in observation, drawing and creating diagrams, classifying and gathering and recording information.

### **Computing**

The children will be learning all about 'making music' and 'creating pictures' (which will link to our work in Art and Digital Media). They will continue to follow the Purple Mash scheme which is still accessible from home. Your child's login details can be found in their reading diary.

### **PE**

PE will still be on a Wednesday and Friday this term. Please ensure your child continues to come into school in their PE kit on these days. We will begin with 'Striking and Fielding' before moving onto completing their end of Key Stage 1 fundamental skills assessment.

## **History**

This term we will continue to learn about 'A Victorian Childhood'. Children will be exploring what it was like to live in Victorian times as a child and understand what school life was like.

## **Geography**

The theme for our geography this term is Map Skills – Continents and Oceans. Children will be using a range of resources to explore the continents and oceans of the world.

## **Art**

Miss Eggleston will continue to teach Art. The theme for the summer term will be 'Be an Architect'.

## **Design and Technology (DT)**

Miss Eggleston will continue to teach DT. The focus will be on mechanisms and the children will be making a vehicle.

## **Music**

Our music learning this term will be based around structure and pitch. The children will be learning to create a structure using rhythmic patterns which they will perform as a group composition. When we learn about pitch, we will be exploring pitch patterns before writing our own musical notations for a short song.

## **PSHE**

**Kind regards,**

**Miss Siddall**

## **Key Dates**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May KSI Sports Day @ 1.30pm**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May KsI Reserve Sports Day @ 9.30pm**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July Whole School Transition Day**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Trip to Brockholes Nature Reserve / Reports Sent Home**