

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter to Parents

Autumn Term 1 2025

Whole school topic: Wellbeing

Year 2 topic: Happily Ever
After



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<p><u>Music</u></p> <p>In Music, we will be singing and using actions to learn a song! We will also be thinking about how different types of music make us feel.</p> <p><i>At home, you could make up your own song!</i></p>	<p><u>Handwriting</u></p> <p>This half-term the children will be beginning to develop our cursive handwriting style. We will practice our individual letter formation and how to use the lead in strokes. We will also be working on our number formation.</p>
<p><u>Design and Technology</u></p> <p>We will be taking part in a Design and Technology week this half term, where we will be using our cooking skills to design, make and evaluate our own pizzas!</p> <p><i>At home, you could try different pizzas and discuss your favourite toppings!</i></p>	
<p><u>RE</u></p> <p>In our RE lessons, we will be discussing the question 'Who is a Christian and what do they believe?'</p> <p><i>You could visit a local church in Ashbourne and explore the building!</i></p>	
<p><u>Home Learning</u></p> <p>Please listen to your child read 5 times a week at home, making sure Reading Records are completed and returned to school daily. Reading books will be changed weekly. Spellings for this half term will be given out by the end of the first week and there will be a spelling test every Friday morning.</p>	

Dear parents and carers,

We hope this newsletter is useful in showing you what your children will be learning in school and the activities you could do at home to support their learning. Our class topic this half term is 'Happily Ever After' so most of our learning will relate to this. The whole-school focus this half term is on Wellbeing and we will be exploring how to show kindness and how to be kind to ourselves. We are looking forward to meeting you all!

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<u>English</u>	<u>Maths</u>
<p>This half term we will start by following the Grammasaurus unit, 'The Place Value of Punctuation and Grammar'. Within this, the children will be learning about nouns, verbs and subjects.</p>	<p>In Maths, our main focus will be number. We will be counting up to 100 by rote and with objects. We will also be representing numbers in different ways – showing them on our fingers, writing them as numerals, as words, drawing pictures and making them using objects.</p>
<p>We will then use the skills we have learnt to write a non-fiction text.</p>	<p>After this we will move on to addition and subtraction, as well as saying one more and one less and ordering numbers.</p>
<p><i>At home, you could write your own imaginative stories using the skills you have learnt!</i></p>	<p><i>At home, you could practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.</i></p>

<u>PE</u>	<u>Art</u>
<p>Our REAL PE unit this half-term is 'Personal'. In this unit, the children will develop and apply their footwork and one leg balance through focused skill development sessions, cooperative and competitive games.</p> <p>Our other PE lessons will be yoga, with a teacher from Little Lotus Flow Yoga visiting us on Friday afternoons!</p>	<p>We will use colours to show our emotions and create abstract portraits. We will use watercolours to create a mood, as a background for our own line drawing. We will also take part in D & T week!</p> <p><i>At home, you could practise the skills you have learnt to create a picture to go with your imaginative story!</i></p>
<p>Please make sure your child has a full PE kit in school at all times, including clothing suitable for being outdoors. It is also important that each child's items are named.</p> <p><u>Science</u></p> <p>Throughout the year, we will be learning about the four seasons. This half-term, we will be taking part in an Autumn walk around the school grounds.</p>	<p><u>PSHE</u></p> <p>In our PSHE lessons, we will be learning about what keeps us healthy, the importance of sleep for good health and how to make simple choices about our own health and wellbeing.</p> <p><i>At home, you could discuss as a family how you make healthy choices.</i></p>

Thank you for your kind contributions of £5 Topic money per half-term. It's a great help 😊