



Year 2 Pentecost Term 1



Welcome back everyone. I hope you have all had an enjoyable Easter holiday. I hope the sunflowers the children have brought home are continuing to thrive. It is a competition so feel free to post a photo on Dojo every couple of weeks. There will be a prize for the tallest sunflower at the end of term. If you haven't already, don't forget to return any books to Hinckley Library after our visit there last half term.

Literacy

After completing three final weeks on Anthony Browne and reading Silly Billy, Zoo and Bear's Pencil we will read Billy and the Minpins by Roald Dahl. We start with some descriptive language describing characters and settings. We will also write a narrative, a report and finally a book review as part of their work to gain their Blue Peter Book Badge.

Our weekly grammar lessons will focus on tenses and then suffixes. We will have daily spelling practise where we will be revising letter patterns previously taught in preparation for the SATs spelling test. The children will take two reading papers, a punctuation and grammar paper and a spelling test this half term as part of their Year 2 SATs.

Please remember that the children have the opportunity to visit the school library every Friday afternoon so make sure books are returned in preparation for this each week. (Books were not sent home for the Easter holidays.)

RE

We start the term with our new topic Messages and understand the important role the disciples played and how they were changed by the power of the Holy Spirit. This is followed by learning about Hinduism as part of our Other Faiths work before moving onto our final topic of Rules.

Maths

This half term begins with the completion of our unit on fractions, before moving onto the topic of Time. After completing this, we will consolidate our learning from Year 2 before taking an arithmetic and a reasoning paper as part of the Year 2 SATs.

Science

Our topic on plants is coming to an end soon and we are going to grow our own potatoes and hopefully eat them! We will have a visit up to the school field to look at the plants and trees that are growing there, scatter some wildflower seeds, before completing our end of topic test. Next half term we will learn about Habitats and will be going on a class trip to Rosliston Forestry Centre on Tuesday 11th June 2024.

ICT

Our new unit will involve the children writing and following simple algorithms. They will use directional language such as forwards, backwards, left, right, half turn, quarter turn, clockwise and anti-clockwise.

Art/DT

This half term the children will make worry dolls which the story of Silly Billy is based upon. They will bring them home to place under their pillow at night having told the doll their worries. We then use paper mâché to make hot air balloons in preparation for next half term's geography topic when we study Kenya.

PE

This half term we have two new dance and gymnastics units, so PE will be in the hall. Please ensure all long hair is tied back on PE days and earrings are removed. Tape is only acceptable in the first 6 weeks of having ears pierced. PE days continue to be Monday and Friday.

For any questions or concerns please contact me via the school office or Class Dojo.

Mrs Currie