

Welcome Back!

May I start by wishing you a very happy new year. I hope you had a fantastic Christmas break, thank you so much for the lovely gifts that Mrs. Lawlor and I received for Christmas!



We also would like to thank you for all your support last term, and look forward to working together this term to continue the progress your child is making. Find below a list of what we will be covering in our curriculum this term. Homework will still be given out every Wednesday and will be a chance for your child to develop what they have learned in class that week. It also gives you a chance to participate in their learning. There will be a few local walks this term (weather permitting!), details of which I will give you nearer the time.

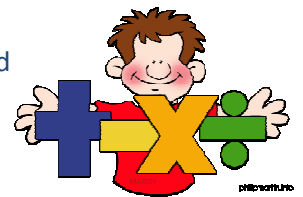


Literacy – Poetry and Story Writing

We will be using our overall topic of food, as a theme for our writing, and will be reading and creating silly food poems, alongside learning the story of The Gigantic Turnip. We will use this story as a basis for some very exciting competition writing...has anyone heard of Moshi Monsters!!!

Mathematics

We will be continuing our work on number, moving our learning into basic multiplication and division. We will be using money to buy fruit and vegetables at the shops; looking at the coins we can use and how we can use adding on to calculate change. We will also be weighing and measuring fruit and veg before we use it to make soup!



Topic – Fruit and Vegetables; How to stay Healthy.

We will be pulling together Science, Art, PE and Design & Technology to find out all about healthy eating, and how we can make choices that impact our whole lives. During these topic lessons we will be creating self-portraits in the style of Arcimboldo (using the peelings and waste from our fruit and vegetables), looking at the impact of exercise and healthy eating on our bodies, thinking about the use of medicines and drugs and reading a variety of different story books which talk about lifestyles and diet of different children within different cultures.

Religious Education

Following the Here I Am scheme of work, we will be focussing on the topics of Celebrations and Thanksgiving. We will be thinking about the different celebrations that we attend, and the importance of these to our lives.



Reading



We are trying very hard to encourage the children to read with you at home. I appreciate that you are very busy, but just a few minutes of your time each day can really help. Even if they only want to read a page to you, and then you read to them, sharing the book will really help to develop their confidence and love of books and stories.

In Year 2 we are trying to develop the children's expression when they are reading, and this develops when it is modelled by an adult. We will also be working on our comprehension so any questions you can ask your child about what they have read, and encouragement to talk to you about the characters they like or dislike etc can really contribute to their progress in reading. **Volunteers** to hear the children read are always needed and very appreciated!

Mrs Lawlor and I are always happy to speak with you should you have any concerns or issues. If you do need to speak to one of us, please come to the classroom before school begins. If you require a more formal meeting, this can be arranged.

Thank you once again for your continued support – we work hard to ensure your child learns in a happy, caring environment and we are very excited about the work we are doing this term! ☺

Miss Grayston