

Year 2 Newsletter: Autumn 1

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to a new school year. We hope you have had a relaxing Summer break and are looking forward to the new school year ahead. We are really excited to welcome you into Year 2 and cant wait to get to know you all. We have spent a lot of time planning exciting activities and learning opportunities, and cant wait to get stuck into them, kicking off with our first topic all about Walt Disney. Mr Smallman will be leading Key Stage 1 and together with Mr Bramhall and Mr Cosford will make up the Year 2 team.

Maths

In maths children will start by looking at Place Value. They will read and write numerals to 100. They will identify the value of digits in a number and gain a better understanding of hundreds, tens and ones. They will order numbers to 50 and then to 100. They will use all of this knowledge to inform calculations.

English

In **English** we will be reading *The Little Mermaid* by Hans Christian Andersen and making a missing poster for a mermaid/merman we have created. We will also be reading and retelling the story of *Dougals Deep-Sea Diary*. All children will also be accessing daily phonics teaching. We will be starting on a new exciting scheme called *Floppys Phonics*. Children will have weekly spellings to practice, sent home on a Friday and to be tested the following Friday.

Art/DT

In **Art** we will be using nature to inspire a series of art activities. We will be making nature sculptures using clay. We will make land art using objects we have collected on our walk around school. We will use a selection of different materials, including natural ones to create a collage of the different things we have learnt.



Science 'Habitats'

In **Science**, we will be learning about living and non-living things, habitats and animal food chains. We will investigate the habitats in our local surroundings and compare these to different habitats around the world. We will be designing a bug hotel!

History/Geography

- **History/Geography** will be based on Walt Disney and how film has changed over time. We will order some of Disney's films chronologically and identify the location of these film's settings on a world map.

RE/PSHE

- In **PSHE** children will learn about physical health and well-being and how to feel good about yourself.
- In **R.E** children will be learning about how to welcome new people to a community as well as looking at how Christians and Muslims welcome a new baby.

PE/Music

- In **Music**, we will be exploring rhythm, timbre and beat using our hands and feet.
- In **PE** we will be studying dance inspired by animals, to tie in with our Science topic!

Our Place in 'Our' World.

Our **Geography** topic will give children an opportunity to identify England and the UK within the context of the world. They will learn about how to it is important to welcome new people to a community.

Aspiring Entrepreneurs

Children will be encouraged to face new Year 2 challenges with a growth mindset and develop as reflective learners. Children will reflect on their work in lessons and consider ways they could improve.

Healthy and Happy Living

Children will take part in "restorative circle" exercises where they will be given the opportunity to discuss past, present and future events and articulate how they are feeling.

Inquisitive Investigators

As **Inquisitive Investigators**, we will be investigating our playground, looking for different habitats as well as identifying things that are living, dead and never lived. We are hoping to explore marine life from far and wide with a trip to 'The Deep' in Hull. More information about this trip to follow.

Important information:

- Our PE lessons will take place every Monday afternoon. Please ensure that children come to school on Mondays already dressed in their PE kit, which they will wear for the full day.
- Your child will read with an adult in school at least once every week on a 1:1 basis. This book will then be sent home to complete or to be re-read and will be at your child's reading level. We have an exciting new way of recording reading using the 'Go Read' app and we encourage you to get familiar with this app as soon as possible. We ask that books are returned on Wednesday so that new books can be sent out the following Friday.
- Spelling and Big Maths tests will be on a Friday
- Fruit is provided by school for break time and children will receive a carton of milk if this has been paid for. Children may bring a named water bottle which can be stored in the classroom.
- KS1 Celebration assembly will take place on Friday mornings. Look out for photographs of certificate winners on the Beeston Primary School Facebook page.
- If you have any concerns, then please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher or Mr Smallman who is the KS1 Leader.

Thank you for your continued support 😊

Mr Smallman, Mr Bramhall, Mr Cosford