

Year 2 Ash and Birch Newsletter – Spring 2



Dear Parents/Carers:

We hope you had an enjoyable and restful half-term.

Key information:

- New spellings and our core homework project have been sent home this week.
- Spelling tests will remain on Thursday and start on 5th March.
- World Book Day is also on the 5th March.
- Please keep sending your child to school with their reading book and reading record every day. We will change their books as required.
- PE lessons will continue to be on Monday and Friday. Please make sure your child brings their PE kit on these days.

The following is an overview of what your child will be taught this half term. Please do have a look on the website at our chronology for further detail.

Our big question this term is 'What are some of the changes that have happened in London?' We will be making links to this throughout all of our teaching when appropriate.

In **English**, we have written a recount of our school trip to St. Paul's Cathedral. We will be reading *The Sea Monster* by Chris Wormell and *Captain Flinn* and the *Pirate Dinosaurs* by Giles Andreae and writing stories based on these texts.

Please continue to **read** with your child every day for at least 15 minutes and discuss what has happened in the text to ensure that your child can show understanding and develop their vocabulary. Your child has been given a reading book to take home. Please ensure that they bring it to school **every day** so that we can continue reading with them and monitor progress. Your child will also be able to choose a library book on **Wednesday**.



Our **Geography** topic is 'Our Wonderful World'. We will be learning to name and locate the 5 oceans and 7 continents of the world. We will explore the different continents and consider the differences in climates.

Our first **Maths** focus this half term will be Measure. We will then move on to Fractions and Statistics. We will be practising our problem solving and reasoning skills to make sure that the children can apply the mathematical skills we are learning to solve real-life problems. Please support your child by practising their time-telling skills and times tables at home.

In **Science**, our topic will be plants. We will learn about seed dispersal and then learn about what plants need to grow. We will grow our own beans, experimenting with how much light they need to survive.

In **Music**, the children will continue their drumming lessons on a Wednesday. Our in-class learning will focus on two units, 'Our Land' and 'Seasons'.

Our big question in **Religious Education** this term is: *How do Easter symbols help us to understand the meaning of Easter for Christians?* We will revisit the story of Easter and consider the symbols associated with it.

Please note, **P.E.** will be on **Mondays** and **Fridays**. Please ensure your child has the correct kit on these days. We will be focusing on attacking and defending games.

Our **Art** lessons will be focused on Van Gogh. We will learn about his life and replicate his style of painting. We aim to visit the National Gallery to visit his famous painting, *Sunflowers*.

In **Computing**, we will be learning how to code using the Scratch Junior app.

Our **PSHE** topic will be focused on making healthy choices.

As always, many thanks for your continued support.

Ms. Chandler, Ms. Bell, Mr. Stein, Cristina and Kabita

