



Welcome to Autumn 2.

It has been lovely to see how the children have started to settle in nicely in Year 2, learning their new routines and expectations and producing some beautiful work. They have made us very proud!

We are looking forward to moving into our next half term which will give us a chance to be practising some new skills in Maths and English, investigate a different topic in Science, research a local female pioneer in History and give designing and making a go in DT.

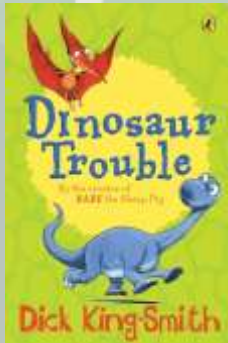
Writing

When we come back after our break, we will start by refreshing our minds on key writing skills that we have already learnt. We will practise these by writing character descriptions of different dinosaurs that we have read about.

After that, linked to our History learning, we will be looking at writing a diary entry as a character from our key texts.

Towards the end of the term we will learn all about fact files, looking at good and bad examples. We will practise writing a fact file about ourselves, or a friend and then during our independent write, use all of our knowledge about Mary Anning.

Reading



This half term we are reading 'Dinosaur Trouble' as a class, and then a variety of other texts in our Comprehension lessons to practise our reading skills and fluency.

Maths

In maths this half term we will be continuing to build on our addition and subtraction skills, before moving on to exploring shapes.





Science - We will be learning about animals and their offspring, getting a better idea of their development and comparing it to the life cycle of humans.

RE - This half term, RE lessons will be focusing on the creation beliefs of Jewish people.

DT - We will be practising our evaluation, designing and production skills as we create our own masks.

History - Our focus this half term in History will be Mary Anning and her place as a pioneer of science for women.

RHE - We will be looking at relationships and dealing with feelings.

Music - In Music we will continue to practise our rhythm and repetition skills with practical instrument work.

PE - This half term will see us developing our gymnastic skills and learning about the Invictus Games.

Home Learning

We will be sending out Google Classroom log-in letters again. Please make sure, if you have access to the internet and a computer*, that you help your child to register online so that they are able to access the home learning.

*If you do not have access, please speak to the class teacher so they can print you a copy.

PE Days

PE for Year 2 will be on Mondays and Wednesdays for each class. Please make sure children wear the correct PE uniform. If you need help with any uniform issues, please let us know.

Reading at home

We are really keen to encourage reading for pleasure at home. To do this, we are going to be exploring a variety of text types and we would love for you to do the same with the children. If you are able to, perhaps take a trip to a local library or explore their website. Share your favourite childhood books with them. Maybe you could listen to an audiobook together. Even if it is not a favoured activity of yours, encouraging confidence and excitement for reading in your children is vital for them to be successful. It is so important that every child is reading at least three times a week at home—even if it is just for 10 minutes or one or two pages. This makes a HUGE difference to their reading fluency, and from here, helps them to build their imaginations and vocabulary for the English writing, as well as enabling them to access their maths work much more easily.

