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This half-term in Year 2

We are sending this letter to give you some details of what your child will be learning about this half-term and details of key dates/events you might wish to take note of.

Subject	What is covered	Suggestions for things to do at home.
English	<p>This term in Year 2 we will be focusing on <i>Writing to inform</i>.</p> <p>We will be writing character descriptions, a re-telling of a story and non-chronological reports. We will be using the short video "Caterpillar Shoes" as our inspiration.</p>	<p>Remember to read with your child at least 5 times a week.</p> <p>Practise weekly spellings (sent home on a Monday, checked on a Friday) Please bring spelling books back on Fridays.</p>
Maths	<p>Week 1: Adding and subtracting multiples of ten Week 2: Addition Week 3: Subtraction Week 4: Multiplication Week 5: Division Week 6: Revision of above and problem solving</p>	<p>There are lots of online games that the children can play at home to support their learning. Topmarks is one useful website. https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting Hit the Button</p>
Science	<p>Unit-Plants This half term, we will be building on from the children's learning in Year 1.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The parts of a plant We will be completing an investigation to find out what plants need to grow. We will also be thinking about if all plants need the same amount of water to grow. 	<p>Visit garden centres to look at the different types of plants Have a go at taking care of a plant at home.</p>
Geography	<p>Comparison of Great Yarmouth and Cancun, Mexico.</p>	<p>Use Google Maps to locate where we live and Cancun in Mexico. Look at aerial photographs of both places.</p>



	We will be looking at the similarities and differences between Great Yarmouth and Cancun. We will be using maps, aerial photographs, atlases, globes and Google Maps as part of our research.	
RE	Judaism and Passover We will look at the enquiry question "How important is it for Jewish people to do what God asks them to do?"	Look at BBC bitesize videos on Judaism. https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zqbw2hv Talk about different faiths and ways of life.
Art & DT	Artist Study - Frida Kahol Children will be looking at the artist and her work. Using different media to draw own self portraits in the style of the artist.	Look at the artist's work online and practise some portraits in her style.
Computing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online safety • Coding (creating algorithms and debugging coding) 	Login to purple mash and get the children to show you their learning at home. (logins are in reading records) Discuss how to be safe online whilst using different devices at home. Look at the SMART rules
Music	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singing • Listening/ Appraising • Playing the glockenspiel • Composing 	Listening to music and talking about how it makes you feel.
PSHE and RSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Year Resolutions • How to do in an emergency and a visit from a local police officer • Online Safety • Being part of a community 	Discuss how to keep ourselves safe in different situations Talk about what to do in emergency situations - calling 999, knowing home address etc... Talk about how to be safe online https://www.childnet.com/resources/be-smart-online/

Reading regularly at home with your child is the most important thing you can do to support their learning. The children should be reading 5 times a week. Make sure you write in the reading record each time your child reads at home. If they read 5 times in a week they will be entered for the reading challenge.

Please use Marvellous Me to see how your child is doing and to get regular messages from school and class teachers.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

The Year 2 Team



