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What makes a good wild thing?

Dear New Year 2 Parents / Carers,

We are very excited to welcome your children into Year 2 in September. We thoroughly enjoyed starting to get to know the children during our transition morning and can't wait to get to know them better and get stuck into our exciting projects!

Our first project will be aiming to answer the question of 'What makes a good wild thing?'

This topic will be cross curricular so our Science, English and Art will all feed into helping the children answer our driving question.

In English we will be consolidating phonics knowledge and applying this to their reading and writing as we build towards the end of Key Stage 1 reading and writing expectations. Building on their knowledge of the Year 1 Common Exception Words (see attached) the children will learn to read and spell the Year 2 Common Exception Words. Our handwriting lessons will focus on correct letter formation as the children begin to join. We will be reading lots of different stories, poems and non-fiction texts over the year. As always it would be beneficial if you could continue to read as regularly as possible with your child to help stimulate their imagination. We love reading in Year 2!

In Maths we will be focusing on place value and addition and subtraction. We will continue to focus on securing a deep understanding of each topic and challenging the children to explain their understanding through a range of reasoning questions. In fluency lessons, children will be securing their understanding of number bonds to and within 20 (see attached sheet for practice). Please support your child with these skills as much as possible as this will benefit them in all areas of maths over the coming year. You will receive a mastery maths booklet with this letter. This will give you information about the way we teach maths in Year 2 and the content we will cover. In September, you will also receive a login for Numbots and KIRF grid which provides small target for your child to work on at home each term.

In Science we will learn about animals including humans and living things and their habitats. We will explore the different animal classifications and the adaptations which make them successful. This will lead into our Art where children will draw upon this information to create their own Wild Thing inspired by the work of Salvador Dali.

As mentioned in our meet the teacher video, our primary homework focus is reading. Children should be reading as much as possible with and to an adult who can support them (please record your child's reading in their reading record). Please supplement your child's reading with additional texts. The wider they read the better!

Our PE lesson will be on a Tuesday afternoon. PE lessons will predominantly be outside so children will need a full PE kit including jumpers and jogging bottoms for when the weather is colder. Please ensure all PE kit and school clothes are clearly named.

We will hold a curriculum evening early in the Autumn term which will allow us to give more information and answer any question you may have.

We are really looking forward to the year ahead, we hope you have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you all in September. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Kind Regards

Mr Allard, Miss Bennett, Mrs Leigh, Miss Bargas, Mrs Arthur & Mrs Eckersley.