



## **Year 2 Newsletter – Spring 2 2023-24**

Dear families,

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide you with information and reminders which we hope you and child will find useful.

In our year group this term, we will have the following adults;

**Cherry** – Miss Toft

**Elder** – Mrs Culverhouse and Miss Jensen

**Lime** – Miss Bird (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) and Miss Tahara (Thursday and Friday)

**Juniper** – Miss Wainwright (Year Lead)

We will also have the following TAs who will be supporting across the year group: Mrs Morgan, Miss O'Connor, Mrs Measey, Mrs Ash, Mr Taylor, Miss Dempsey and Mrs Fifoot, our Lead TA.

Also teaching within the year group is Miss Davies (Sports Coach), Mr Powell (Sports Coach), Miss Tahara (Cover Supervisor) and Mrs Fulford-Foy (Assistant Headteacher).

### **Maths**

This half term, we will be reviewing place value and practising partitioning numbers into different combinations of tens and ones. We will also be reviewing addition and subtraction facts within 20 and using these to solving different problems with the column method. We will follow this with a focus on calculating with money, including finding change, and learning how to tell the time to quarter to and quarter past. We will finish the half term by comparing 2D and 3D shapes using their properties before learning about different units of measurement for length, capacity and mass.

In addition to the above, we will be having a weekly class arithmetic session focused on developing our understanding and use of key methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

### **English**

This half-term, the children will be writing a range of texts including alternative tales, letters and recounts. We will be recapping the different types of conjunctions and using these within our writing to add information. SPAG lessons will focus on different types of capital letters, commas and end punctuation which the children will also use within their writing.

## **Reading**

In SQUIRT (super quality uninterrupted reading time), we will be reading Winter's Child as well as The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark. In both our reading comprehension sessions and our SQUIRT sessions, the children will be analysing texts and explaining how they know if they are fiction or non-fiction alongside answering retrieval and inference questions about them.

To further develop the children's reading skills, they will be visiting the school library once a week and will have the opportunity to check books out to read at home or within the classroom.

The children will visit the library on the following days:

**Cherry** – Tuesday

**Elder** – Thursday

**Juniper** – Monday

**Lime** – Wednesday

## **Phonics**

During our daily Read, Write, Inc phonics sessions, the children will continue to develop their understanding of decoding, blending and segmenting words at a level appropriate for them. Once the children are secure with these skills, they will move onto applying them within spelling.

## **Science**

This half-term's topic is focused on plants. The children will learn about the different parts of plants, what plants need to live and how they use this to survive and about the life cycle of a plant. We will also have the opportunity to plant some bulbs so we can observe the changes plants go through as they mature.

## **Primary Knowledge Curriculum**

This half term, we will be studying History and we will be focused on local history. Throughout the topic, the children will learn about how Aylesbury has changed, local historical figures and events and the importance of local buildings. They will also learn about Aylesbury's coat of arms and what is represented within this.

Our DT focus is on designing and making pencil cases. The children will first research different types and design their own pencil case, thinking carefully about how it works, the materials they will use and how to decorate it.

## **P.E.**

Each week, the children will have one indoor PE lesson and one outdoor PE lessons. These will be taught either by their teacher or by Miss Davies, our Sports Coach.

PE will take place on the following days:

**Cherry** – Monday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor)

**Elder** – Tuesday (outdoor) and Friday (indoor)

**Juniper** – Tuesday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor)

**Lime** – Tuesday (outdoor) and Friday (indoor)

Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school on their PE days.

### **Computing**

This half term, we will learn about the World Wide Web and the impact it has had on the world as well as key historical computing events. We will use this information to create our own e-book about the history of computers before having the chance to design our own futuristic technology.

### **PSHE**

During this half term's PSHE topic of Healthy Me, we will learn about how to keep healthy and identify healthy and unhealthy choices, thinking about how these make us feel. We will also consider food and medicine that keeps us healthy and why they are good for our bodies.

### **RE**

This half term will be centred around Christianity. We will learn about the Easter Story and Christian beliefs about Jesus' resurrection.

### **Music**

During our Music lessons, we will be continuing to developing our understanding of rhythm and pulse through a variety of songs and musical games. The children will also practise their pitch and their use of the singing and thinking voices.

### **Water Bottles**

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle (containing only water) with them every day. It is important for children to stay hydrated as part of their general well-being.

### **Coats**

With the unpredictable spring weather, please ensure your child has a waterproof coat with them every day as we go out whenever possible, in all weathers.

We look forward to another great term!

Yours sincerely,

Miss Wainwright, Mrs Culverhouse, Miss Toft, Miss Bird, Miss Tahara and Miss Jensen