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Aim High

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Thursday 22nd May 2014

Dear Parents/Carers

We look forward to the last half term of Year 2.

MAIN LEARNING THEME – ‘Take one picture’

Next half term we will be learning through the exciting topic of ‘one picture’! However, I don’t want to give too much away until the unveiling on our return, but I will say that some art and design technology creations will undoubtedly be produced. We will be undertaking activities based around a ‘top secret’ engaging picture...We will put the related learning objectives that emerge from this picture to a vote for children to decide upon their preferred choice of learning. As it will feature some water, I am sure we will enjoy lots of fun science investigations!

NUMERACY

We will be working with the Numeracy framework Unit 3 Block C: Data handling and measures, Unit 3 Block D: Calculating, measuring and understanding shape and Unit 3 block E Securing number facts, relationships and calculating. We will be recapping on more challenging aspects taught throughout the year and applying these strategies to investigate problem solving ready for our transition to KS2.

LITERACY

We will continue to work with the new Literacy framework ‘literacy and language’. We will undertake becoming authors of our own ‘fantasy set’ narrative before getting to grips with some persuasive writing which will allow for great debate and role play opportunities. Furthermore, we will enjoy writing up our observations and results from science investigations and writing stories linked to our ‘take one picture’ topic.

PE

PE will be covered in two one hour sessions each week. We will cover both dance and games. Children will require both indoor and outdoor kits and girls with long hair will need to have it tied back for safety reasons. Any earrings (studs only are allowed in school) will also have to be removed or covered with a plaster which must be supplied from home.

Please ensure your child has the proper kit in school with them all week.

LEARNING SKILLS

The whole school theme for developing learning skills will be ‘changes’. We will be working towards the following “I can...” statements

- I can show that I can take my turn when speaking in a larger group or with the whole class.
- I can listen, and then ask questions that show that I have understood what has been said.
- I can respond to stories with increasing attention and recall.
- I am beginning to adapt the way I speak to take account of different audiences and purposes, e.g. when talking one to one, to the class, in assembly.



HOME LEARNING

All children will be given a task in their learning log on a Wednesday which is due in the following Tuesday. Your child will be given a question (which may be based on literacy, numeracy or Science) to answer, choosing to present it as they wish.

The class will also be set a half term home learning project which will be linked to their topic theme.

This project is not compulsory, but is a fantastic way to involve family and friends in their learning.

The project for next half term will be **'Show me what you know about art or famous artists.'** This could include writing a fact file about the influential character such as Vincent Van Gogh which we spent time finding out about earlier in the year. Maybe, children could see how much they can recall and/or replicate one of his great paintings themselves! Children may enjoy finding out about other such historical artists or anything else they might like to undertake related to the learning theme.

READING

Please continue to read with your child at home. Children will be given one reading book and one library book at the beginning of the term and they have the opportunity to change their **reading book** on **Tuesday** and their **library book** on **Thursday** when we visit our school library.

Please ensure children have their reading book in school with them **every day** so it is possible for children to read with an adult in school.

END OF THE DAY

Please feel free to use this time to talk to me about any concerns you may have, however if you need more than a few minutes then you can always make an appointment for a more convenient time.

Should you need to collect your child at other times during the school day then you will need to go to the main office area.

So, from all of the adults working in Year 2, Mrs Thornburn, Miss Odain, Mrs Beesley and myself we are looking forward to an exciting and fun end to this academic year.

Kind regards

Miss Mulligan
Class Teacher

Mrs Thornburn
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Miss Odain
HLTA

Mrs Beesley
TA

Mrs Reynolds
Head Teacher

