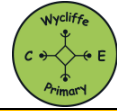












Year 2 Newsletter

Spring 2



<p>All Different – All Equal</p> 	<p>Year 2</p> <p>Chestnut and Elm</p>	<p>Why do we love to be beside the seaside?</p> 
<p>English</p> <p>In English, our class text will be 'The Further Adventures of the Owl and the Pussycat'. This will be a key focus for our reading lessons. Our inspiration for writing will come from our Geography knowledge, as we write a seaside shape poem using beautiful, descriptive language and a persuasive holiday brochure all about Montego Bay. We will continue to read for pleasure in and amongst as much as possible!</p> 	<p>Maths</p> <p>To begin with, we will be learning how to find fractions of amounts and shapes. The particular fractions we will be focusing on are halves, quarters and thirds. After learning about fractions, we will focus on shapes and telling the time. Constant recap and recall of the four operations and the 2, 5 and 10 times tables will take place throughout the half term. Please continue to work on learn by hearts and these times tables to promote quick recall and fluency in maths facts.</p>	
<p>HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY</p> <p>Our big question 'Why do we love to be beside the seaside?' continues to form the basis for our learning. We will build on our learning of human and physical seaside features by comparing a UK seaside resort to one in Jamaica. This will lead on to creating our own maps for a seaside resort using a simple key.</p> 	<p>Science</p> <p>Our unit is 'Animals including humans'. Within this unit, we will be looking at the basic survival needs of animals including humans. This will involve learning about nutritious food and the importance of exercise and good personal hygiene. Focusing on seaside animals, we will also look at life cycles. We will be seeing if we can correctly match up the offspring with their sea creature parents.</p> 	
<p>PE</p> <p>PE will be taught on a Monday and a Friday. The topic is net wall, striking and fielding. In these sessions we will be developing our skills in tennis and volleyball. Please remember hair must be tied back and jewellery removed/taped up.</p> 	<p>DT</p> <p>This half term is super exciting because it is our food technology unit! We will be creating our own ideal, healthy picnic pack ups! To do this successfully, we will need to explore the different food groups, learn about which foods stay fresh for longer and which packaging will be most fit for purpose.</p> 	
<p>PSHE</p> <p>'What makes a good friend?' is our big question, which will lead to us learning all about how to make friends, what makes a good friend and how to resolve arguments amongst friends.</p> 	<p>RE</p> <p>We will be continuing with our big question 'What makes some places sacred for believers?' We have visited our local mosque and will be comparing the Muslim and Christian places of worship.</p>	
<p>Music</p> <p>As well as adding instruments to seaside songs, we will begin to learn and appraise some Easter songs too.</p> 	<p>Computing</p> <p>In Computing, we will be learning about how technology can be used to store data and create pictograms.</p>	<p>French</p> <p>In French, we will learn to say 'Je m'appelle'</p> 
<p>Reading, Times Tables, Spellings & Learn by Hearts</p> <p>Please continue to read daily and use Accelerated Reader for quizzes. Taking time to read with a focus on comprehension will be so beneficial. Read anything and everything including non-fiction texts that you encounter in real life such as posters, leaflets etc. Continue to practice 2s, 5s and 10s on Timetable Rockstars and spellings on 'Spelling Frame'.</p> <p>Spellings and Learn by hearts will take place on a Friday. Please continue to learn both on a weekly basis. Folders should be brought into school on a Friday ready for the new sheet. Reading books and records should be brought into school daily.</p>	<p>IMPORTANT: SATS Meeting-Thursday 7th March 3:30pm</p> <p>The meeting will give you a detailed overview of what to expect and how to help us prepare for the Year 2 SATS, which will take place in May 2024. The meeting will not be suitable for Year 2 children to take part in but there will be free childcare available in the classroom next door. This will be extremely beneficial to help support your child, as well as to gain an understanding of how Year 2 SATS work.</p>	
<p>Homework Project</p> <p>Please use the 'hexagons' in the homework folder as inspiration (or think of your own idea) to create a unique piece of homework all about the seaside.</p> <p>These will be due in on Friday 15th March – we can't wait to see your work!</p>		