

### **Literacy**

We begin the Autumn term by exploring the book 'Dougal's Deep Sea Diary' by Simon Bartram. We will continue to develop the children's ability to write use this to develop the children's diary writing skills focusing on adjectives and conjunctions. We will then move onto using the book 'Shark Lady' by Jess Keating to help us with our learning about information texts.

The children will continue to develop their skills in punctuating sentences correctly including the use of basic punctuation such as full stops and capital letters, but also to use commas, exclamation and question marks. We will develop our writing further by using a range of conjunctions (and, but, so, if, because) to extend our sentences.

The children will be expected to spell words learnt in spelling sessions correctly and Year 2s are expected to begin joining their handwriting in all of their written work.

### **Home Reading**

Your children will all have reading books and diaries. Please, if you can, hear your child read every day for about 10 minutes. This is hugely beneficial in developing their reading fluency. Reading diaries will continue to be looked at regularly. Year 2s will be completing quizzes on the books they have read using Accelerated Reader.

### **Maths**

This term we will be exploring the value of numbers and the number system to 100. We will be looking at addition and subtraction using a variety of jottings and equipment. Mathematical vocabulary is very important and all children are expected to be able to explain their methods and justify their answers.

All children need to be able to confidently recall their addition and subtraction bonds to 10 and then 20. Y2 children need to know by heart their bonds to 100 too. All children should be able to count in multiples of 1, 2, 5 and 10, and Year 2s should be able to recall multiplication and division facts for these times tables by the end of the year, as well as being able to count in 3s. Please practise these at home as much as you can.

### **Homework**

will still be set weekly. It will alternate weekly between online activities using [www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk) and their mental maths books. We will also continue to send LSCWC spellings home which should be completed daily.

PSHE – We will be focusing on beginning and belonging.

RE - In RE the children will be thinking about Christmas.

# Year 1 and Year 2

## Autumn Term

Welcome to the Year 1 and 2 curriculum newsletter. We hope you had an enjoyable and restful Summer.

We have lots planned to inspire your children's learning this term! Your children will be embarking on a number of enquiry based learning journeys through our learning challenge curriculum. We start back in September with a PSHE learning challenge called 'Who are we?' We have been talking about our class and the people in it and have practised our drawing skills whilst getting to know our talk partners. We will then be moving onto a science based learning challenge themed around animals in the ocean. We will be looking at different sea creatures and the groups they fit into, whilst familiarising ourselves with their eating and living habits.

Throughout the term children will have daily Literacy, Maths and handwriting lessons. Year 1 will also have daily phonics lessons and Year 2 will take part in daily spelling lessons. The children will also have 2 PE lessons a week and a number of Learning Challenge based lessons. Year 1 Learning Challenge lessons will be more 'exploring and learning' based to help with the transition from reception to KS1 for some of this term. The children will read with their class teachers in guided groups on a regular basis.

As always, if you do have any questions or concerns, please do speak to your child's teacher in the first instance.

### PE Kit

Please ensure that kit is in school **all week** as PE days may change without notice.

All children need trainers, jogging bottoms and sweatshirts, as well as t-shirts and shorts, as we may be outside for PE.

### PE Days

This year, to enable all children to have 2 PE lessons every week, there will be no set PE days in case these have to be changed for some reason. This means that their kit will need to stay in school **all week**.