

Year 2 Newsletter

Below is a summary of what we will be learning about this term.

English



Our Power of Reading book this term is called 'Ossiri and the Bala Mengro'. It is a story by the Romani storyteller Richard O'Neill. Ossiri loves music and this leads her to fashion her own instrument, which she calls a Tattin Django. Her music awakes the ogre known as the Bala Mengro, with unexpected consequences.

We will be writing a range of purposes. We will be writing a character description, diary entry, instructions and a story. Please continue to read on Bug Club and practice the Year 2 spellings at home.

RE

Our big question is Who is a Muslim and what do they believe?. We will learn about their place of worship, the holy book and some important stories.

Topic



Science

Our topic is animals including humans and this term we will focus on the human aspect. We will learn about the importance of exercise, hygiene and eating the right amounts of different foods.

History

We will be looking at how flight has changed through time, from hot air balloons, to planes, to space rockets. We will focus on 2 significant individuals: Amy Johnson and Amelia Earhart.

DT

This term we will be learning about what makes a balanced diet. We will be doing some taste testing and think about the combinations of different food groups. We will be designing and making a wrap that includes a healthy mix of protein, vegetables and dairy.

Maths



This term we will be covering 2 new topics, position and direction and time. We will also be focussing on how to solve problems efficiently. This will require us to use our knowledge of place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will continue to complete the 30/60/100 club challenges to practise our mental maths skills. Keep practicing your times tables as they will help you in nearly every area of

Computing



In computing we will complete our new project: 'We are animators'. In small groups we will plan, film and add audio to a short 'stop-motion' animation.

Reminders

Please continue to remind your child to bring in and change their reading books on a Friday. We will also be updating and monitoring Bug Club each week.

Please try to complete a short reading and maths activity each day. This could be using Bug Club, Mathletics, practising for the 30/60 Club, spellings or using online games such as Karate Cats, Small Town Superheroes or Top Marks. It is vital to practise these key skills to ensure important lifelong skills are reinforced.

PE will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please come to school in your PE kit, making sure they will be warm enough to be outside for 1 hour. Earrings need to be taken out or covered on these days.

Please ensure that any clothing and belongings brought into school are clearly named including water bottles, lunch boxes, book bags, all items in their PE kit and school uniform including coats. Please ensure your child brings a water bottle into school every day.

Home learning is due in on Monday 23rd May.

Thank you for your continued support and don't forget to check our class page on the school website to find out more about what we have been doing. Please do contact us if you have any questions, messages or queries at cherryteacher@west-malling.kent.sch.uk

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