

# Year 2 Newsletter - Autumn 2016

Mrs. O'Connor and Miss Phipps

Welcome to Year 2. Your child's teachers are Mrs. O'Connor and Miss Phipps. The support staff working with the children are Leigh and Eileen.

We have a busy term ahead with our Explorers topic.

In Year 2, it is important that your child **reads every evening**. Please record this in their reading record as these are checked regularly and children will gain points on our Reading Rocket Challenge. Also, please talk to your child about their book as this will help their comprehension skills which is a focus in Year 2.

Thank you for your continued support.

## English

This term has started by celebrating 100 years of Roald Dahl. Year 2 are reading the Magic Finger and are writing diaries, creating their own magic fingers and will be dressing up and writing in role. We will then be doing lots of writing relating to space. We will write letters to Bob the Man on the Moon, create a tour guide and shape poems. We will also be learning all about Neil Armstrong for our non-fiction writing.

## Maths

In Maths this term, we will learn how to add and subtract using number lines and partitioning strategies. We will count in 2s, 5s and 10s from any given number. We will also look at multiplication, division and fractions. We will use our skills in investigations. You can help at home by practising the times tables (2, 5 and 10).

With our exciting topic of Explorers, we will be learning about the history of transport and designing vehicles to explore the world. In Science we will be looking at materials and also the solar system.

In Computing, the children will create space pictures and also work on their typing skills. We will create a short animation and a photostory about Neil Armstrong.

In the second half term we will look at sea explorers including Sir Francis Drake.

## Notices

- PE is on Mondays and Wednesday — please bring in full kits, including plimsolls.
- The Library visit is every other Wednesday — if you wish to help us regularly on this visit from 10.45 to 12 please let us know.
- Homework is given out on Friday and is due back on Tuesday.
- Spellings and times tables are given out on a Monday and should be practised every night for a test on Friday.
- Parents' introduction meeting to tell you more about Year 2 will be on Wednesday 21st September- please see the Newsletter.
- Our class assembly is Thursday 29th September at 3pm so please come along.

Thank you.