



8th January 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had an enjoyable and restful holiday.

Curriculum

Our IPC (International Primary Curriculum) topic is '**People of the Past: Victorians**'. The children will be learning about what life was like in the Victorian era. We will be looking at the reign of Queen Victoria and some of the changes that occurred during her reign. We will be learning about explorers and inventions and will be talking about the British Empire. We will be going on a trip to The Ragged School Museum to experience what a Victorian classroom was like.

In **English** we will start by doing a number of activities based on a book called 'Iggy Peck, Architect'. Children will hone their comprehension and inference skills; as well as writing questions they would like to ask Iggy. The children will then be looking at sentence types and writing and following instructions. We will be doing some work on poetry and exploring different styles of poetry. We will also be completing a non-fiction unit about explanation texts.

In **Maths** we will be moving on to Money. Children will recognise and count different coins. They will add and subtract money both in pence and pounds. They will also begin to calculate change and subtract money. We will then start a unit on multiplication and division. We will be revising some of our work on subtraction and the relationship with addition before looking at multiplication as repeated addition. Children will be learning a range of strategies to solve multiplication and division problems.

In **PE** we will be covering some basic skills including throwing and catching as well as balance. We will still be getting the children changed for PE so children will need a full PE kit in school for their PE days. We have a coach called Jack from Premier Sports doing multi-skills sessions with the children on Friday afternoons. This will last for 6 weeks.

PE days are

2O and 2P – Thursday and Friday

2R and 2B – Wednesday and Friday

Reading

Please make sure your child brings in their reading folder on their reading days. It is important that you continue to read with your child at home regularly. Some of the reading sessions at school are also used to assess your child's phonic knowledge and high frequency word recognition. This term we are fortunate to have a number of volunteer readers in school, so your child may read with a volunteer at some point during the week.

Handwriting

This term we will start joining different letters together. We will begin to write some short words, particularly those that we use frequently.

Headteacher Leon Choueke

Phonics & spellings

Each week we will focus on 3 new phonics sounds. These can be found on the weekly overview. Children will learn to say, read and write the sound. They will also spell lots of different words containing the sound. Each week we also have 3 'words of the week'. These are 'common exception words' i.e. words that cannot be sounded out easily. Children will learn to read these words and we would like them to be able to spell them by the end of the week. The 'words of the week' can be found on the weekly overview and it would be great if you could help your child learn to spell them.

Dates for your diaries

Monday 12th – Friday 16th February – half term holiday, school closed for all children

Thursday 1st March – Parents' Evening

Thursday 29th March – last day of Spring term

Monday 16th April – first day of Summer Term

Trip

We have two very exciting trips coming up this term. Our first trip is to Tower Bridge on the following dates:

2O and 2P: Tuesday 9th January 2018

2R and 2B: Thursday 18th January 2018

Our second trip is to the Ragged School Museum. Here, children will get to experience what a Victorian classroom was like. More information will be sent about this trip nearer the time. Classes are going on these dates:

2R and 2P: Thursday 22nd March

2O and 2B: Friday 23rd March

If you have any questions or queries for do not hesitate to make an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher.

We are looking forward to a very happy and successful half term.

Yours sincerely

The Year 2 Team

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