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Year 2 Summer 1 Newsletter

Hello and welcome back to school. We hope that you all had a great week off. Please remember that our learning begins promptly at 8:45 in the morning as children complete number of the day/topic retrieval quiz. Doors will open just before this time to allow children to get settled.

English

Writing

This term, we will be using the texts 'Dear Earth' by Isabel Otter and Storm Whale by Benji Davies. Over this half term, we will be reading the texts together and completing a number of writing activities based on this story. We will be writing a non-chronological report and a letter based around the themes of the stories. Both texts explore how pollution has impacted the planet and how we can look after our environment.

Reading

Children will continue to be given two books to take home weekly. One book will be matched to their reading ability and the other will be a book they have picked to read for pleasure. Books will be expected back in school each Thursday. Books will be checked/changed and given back out each Friday. If books are not returned, we will send out reminder letters and if the books are still not returned, we will ask for a contribution from the family to replace the lost books.

Maths

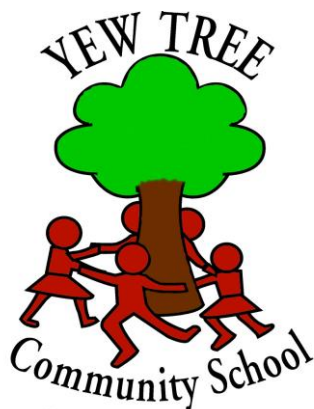
We will be learning about fractions and time. We will learn how to identify unit fractions, halves and quarters. We will also apply this to our prior knowledge of the 4 operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). Then we will move on time where we will consolidate their prior knowledge of o'clock, half past, quarter to and quarter past. They will also work on 5-minute intervals. At home, please can we continue to practise our 2s, 5s and 10 times tables. This can be done using timetable rockstars.

History, Geography and Science

During this half term, our theme is 'What is it like on the coast?'. This topic involves looking at physical/human features on the coast. Children will learn how to use an atlas to locate the ocean and seas around the UK. In Science, we will also be looking at 'Plants and plant growth'. In this topic, children will begin to recall prior knowledge of seeds and plants, carry out tests to record growth, as well as identifying how to care for plants.

Trip Reminder:

We are trying to organise a pond dipping experience for the children to link to our Science topic. We are waiting for confirmation of dates. We will also be going to Lytham St Anne's beach. The dates for each class will be confirmed nearer the time.



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P.E

All classes have P.E on Monday and Tuesday. The topics will be 'Multi-skills – Target games' and 'Dance' They will be learning how to perform a dance using the theme of 'Plants'. Please ensure your child has the correct kit (yellow polo shirt and black shorts– available for purchase from reception), including footwear (trainers/pumps).

Music/PSHE/Art

In PSHE, children will be looking at 'Relationships' which discusses building positive healthy relationships. In music, they will be exploring 'On this Island'. The children will learn British songs and sounds.

In, Art they will be learning art and design skills, looking at different mediums to explore texture and line. As part of this topic, we would like to invite a parent/carers in to help their child to create a piece of art on a Friday afternoon. Details for the art afternoon will be confirmed later in the term.

Homework

Homework will continue to be sent out weekly and needs to be returned every Thursday. A log will be kept of pupils' completed work. Homework will be set for maths, comprehension and spelling. Pupils will have a spelling test each Friday.

Kind regards,

Mrs Khatun, Mrs Bloom, Miss Cropper and Miss Colley