

# Year 2 Term 5 Newsletter



## Welcome back to Term 5.

This term our theme is 'Eco-Warriors'. Please remember that we have our **Year 2 school trip to Godinton House** this term which is on **Thursday 30th April**.

**PSHE** In PSHE this term we will be learning all about the environment, including what pollution and global warming are and how we can protect our planet. We will also look at what a desert island is and explore how people can survive living on one!  
Our school value this term is 'Optimism'.

**Phonics** Some children will continue with the Read Write Inc phonics scheme in Year 2. They will be allocated a group that is suitable for their reading level and will have an hourly lesson every day.

## Pathways to Write

Children who have completed the Read, Write Inc scheme will be looking at the book 'The Last Wolf' by Mini Grey. The children will learn about contractions, adding -er and -est to adjectives, using subordination and what homophones are. They will write for different purposes including writing a letter to persuade characters to save the trees.

**Reading** Reading books should be brought in every day please. We will change the children's books every Friday.  
Please remember to record the date and the title of the book as well as signing when your child reads with you. Just 10 minutes a day can have such a positive impact on your child's progress.

**Other homework** Your child will bring home a handwriting practise sheet based on the spelling rule that they are learning. As well as this, they will have a maths worksheet which reinforces the work done in class that week. These are sent home on a Friday and should be returned by the following Friday.

## Maths

This term in maths we will be learning about money. This includes reviewing what the different coins and notes are worth, as well as being able to count using pence and pounds. The children will also learn about choosing notes and coins to make a given amount, just like they would do in a shop!

We will start to look at fractions where the children will be finding a half, quarter and third of shapes and amounts.

We will also be revising the four calculations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). It would be great this term if you were able to support your child with their maths. Please get out coins and notes with your children and help them to recognise them and add them together. Reinforcing what half, quarter and a third is when you share things at home would also be beneficial. As always, thank you for your continued support at home.

## Foundation Subjects

**Science** This term in science, our topic is 'Plants.' We will be using our science skills to observe, predict and find out. We will grow cress seeds in different conditions and see what they need to be healthy. We will also learn about Jane Colden who was a famous botanist who studied plants.

**Geography** This term we will be comparing what life is like in a non-European country (Brazil) compared to the UK. We will also be looking at deforestation, as well as how the Antarctica is different compared to the UK.

Please can you ensure that your child has some named spare clothes in school, as well as a labelled water bottle. Please can you also make sure that your child's jumpers and cardigans are all labelled with their names as we have a lot which have been left in school with no names! Thank you!