

### **Homework**

We encourage all children to read for a short time every day at home. As the children become more fluent, we will encourage them to take responsibility for changing their reading book once it has been read. We welcome the positive comments you make in the reading record and appreciate the time you take to listen to your child. It really helps them! Those children that make the most progress are those children who read at home on a daily basis. The children are also enjoying moving their owl towards the top of our reading tree where they receive a reward for their hard work. If your child reads 4 or more times each week they get to move their owl to the next branch on our tree. There is a reward for when they reach the top of the tree.

Children will be given spellings and homework on Monday which should be returned by Friday.

Spellings will be tested on Friday morning. Your child will also bring home a piece of maths work each week. Each piece of work reinforces work already covered in school and should take approximately 15 minutes. (These times are a guideline - some pieces may take less time, some more).

### **Termly Challenge**

Each term we would like the children to contribute towards the class topic. Before the half term break Mrs Cowles set the children a challenge to create a castle. This could be made out of lego, building bricks, sand, ice, recyclable materials etc. It would be nice to have these in when we return to school. This can either be a photograph of a castle your child has made at home or a model which they can bring into school. Thank you!

### **Expectations in Year 2**

Children throughout the school are encouraged at all times to be polite, diligent and hard working. We want the children to do the best they can and feel a sense of pride and achievement in everything they do. We put emphasis on the presentation of the children's work. We encourage and teach independence and organisational skills. This half term we focus particularly on 'Kindness' and settling the children back into their daily school routines. We can't wait to see them in person very soon!

We hope you will find this information useful. If you have any further questions or queries please contact the office on 01208 862496 to arrange a phone appointment or email us on [homelearning@stminver.org](mailto:homelearning@stminver.org) and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

We look forward to a happy and enjoyable Spring Term!  
Thank you for your continued support. It really is appreciated!

With very best wishes,

Mrs Cudmore and Mrs Cowles



## Year 2 Class Booklet—Spring Term

Teachers: Mrs Cudmore and  
Mrs Cowles

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Mably



Dear Parents,

We are so delighted to be welcoming the children back to school on Monday 8th March and would like to thank you for all your support whilst the children have been learning from home. We know that it can't have been easy at times and we are so proud of all the hard work the children have shared on google classroom so far.

Our topic for the spring term is 'Castles and Dragons' and this half term we will be focusing on dragons. We begin by looking at the book 'Tell Me A Dragon' by Jackie Morris which describes the beautifully illustrated dragons inside her book. We will also be thinking about 'real life' dragons around the world. If you have any books at home linked to our topic we would love you to send them in so that we can share them with the class. We promise to take good care of them until the end of term. We were so impressed with all the wonderful work the children produced at home linked to our castle topic last half term that we would like to celebrate their hard work in class. Please can you send in your child's non-chronological report on castles, their castle picture inspired by Paul Klee and a photo or model of their castle. Thank you!

We hope you find the following information useful, and it gives you an insight into the teaching and learning that will take place this half term (although we are sure some things may change as we go along) and how this fits in with the work the children carried out last half term whilst learning from home.

Mrs Cudmore will continue to teach the class on a Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Cowles will teach on a Thursday and Friday.

### **English**

In English this term, we will be exploring and writing poems, creating an information leaflet all about castles, writing descriptions about characters and settings and writing our own fantasy story based on our topic theme of castles and dragons.

On a weekly basis we will also be covering the following:-

- \* Comprehension based on different texts linked to our topic.
- \* Weekly spellings to learn at home based on a spelling pattern.
- \* Individual reading either independently or to an adult.
- \* Handwriting practice— this half term the children will continue to practise using their lead ins ready to begin joining their writing at the start of the summer term.
- \* Visit the library every other Friday to choose a new library book.

### **Maths**

In maths we will be continuing to follow the White Rose Maths planning, adopting the mastery approach to teaching. We will continue to build on your child's knowledge of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, and explore the relationships between the different operations.

This term we will be exploring:

Multiplication, division, statistics, the properties of 2d and 3d shapes and fractions.

### **Science**

Our topic is 'Animals, including humans'. As part of this topic the children will be learning how animals have offspring that grow into adults and think about how they have changed since they were babies. We will look at various life cycles and find out what animals need to survive. We will study the importance of diet and exercise for humans.

### **RE**

In RE we will explore the question 'Who is Muslim and how do they live?'. We will look at the importance of the Shahadah to Muslims, think about the different names of Allah and find out about the importance of Muhammad as God's messenger to Muslims. We will also explore why Easter is special to Christians and will be learning about the life and significance of St Piran to Cornwall.

### **Design and Technology / Art**

In DT we will be designing and making an Easter card with a pop up mechanism. In Art we will be studying the artist Paul Klee and creating our own version of his painting entitled 'Castle and Sun'. We will also be exploring sculpture and creating our own dragon eye out of clay.

### **Computing**

In Computing we will be discussing the importance of E-Safety and learning how to stay safe online. We will continue to use ICT to support our learning in all subjects. This half term we will also be using the coding programme, Scratch to create a computer animation linked to our topic 'Castles and Dragons'.

### **PSHE (Personal Social and Health Education)**

Each week the children will have PSHE lessons based on the Jigsaw Framework. During this term we will look at the topic 'Healthy Me'.

### **History / Geography**

In History we will be learning about Castles and the Normans. We will learn about the four people who wanted to become king after Edward the Confessor died in 1066, find out about the 'Battle of Hastings' and explain why castles were first built in England.

### **Music**

Our music lessons this term will be taken from the Oak National Academy where we will explore pulse and metre over a series of 6 sessions before learning about rhythm.

### **PE**

This term the children will have PE on a Monday afternoon with Mrs Cudmore and a Friday afternoon with Mrs Cowles. Please remember to send your child into school wearing their PE kit on these days. We will begin our unit on net and wall games when we return to school and a dance unit linked to our topic where the children will build upon their dance skills from last term.