

Bowfell Spring 2018

Happy New Year to you all. What an exciting start we have had to 2018. I feel privileged to teach your children in year 2 for 4 mornings each week, Tuesday to Friday, working with Mrs Mason. The children are very receptive to their learning and have shown a positive reaction to my teaching. Mrs Farraday and Mrs Mason will teach year 2 on a Monday morning, focussing on spelling, grammar and wider areas of maths. Violin lessons also take place on Monday morning. We have many other opportunities planned to enhance learning through practical and first hand experiences.

Our curriculum this term involves:

Maths:

This term we will:

- focus on all areas of **multiplication**, this work includes: multiplication as repeated addition, sequences, and arrays.

It is important all children have a good knowledge of multiplication tables and we will work to improve understanding and speed and accuracy of the recall of **2x, 5x, 10x and 3x tables**. Multiplication will be linked to **money** and to solve **word problems**.

- gain a clear knowledge of **place value** to understand sequences and to add and subtract. Addition and subtraction will involve larger numbers.
- focus on **mental skills** in all four areas – addition, subtraction, division and multiplication working towards the arithmetic involved in end of year tests.
- learn to tell the **time** – analogue and digital times. Look at **position** and **direction**.
- learn about **fractions** of number and shape, linked to division of numbers.
- identify and know the properties of **2D and 3D shapes**.

English:

This term we will:

- continue to learn and consolidate our knowledge of **phonics** daily, in groups and in additional small supported groups throughout the week. This will extend to spelling techniques.
- learn about **traditional tales** including fairy stories with a twist with opportunities for extended writing and reading comprehension.
- study the work of **Roald Dahl** including **Fantastic Mr Fox** and **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**.
- read **A day in the life of Bob**, **Man on the Moon** and then study different explorers throughout history to write reports.
- extend our reading skills to prepare for the end of year assessments – SAT's familiarising ourselves with answering questions – orally and written.

Homework will be set regularly to consolidate learning in the class – this will be maths or English or may involve some research to extend their knowledge or in preparation for other work. Learning and recalling times tables with speed and accuracy is important, please can you encourage and practise these.

Please help your child to read regularly at home and record this in their reading record, this will help us to monitor their reading choices and develop the necessary comprehension skills through their discussions with you.

We continue to access **IDL** in school but to ensure the greatest impact of this fantastic resource, please can we encourage you to enable your child to do no more than one task a day at home; aiming to score no less than 3 stars each time. If you have forgotten your login details; just let us know and we will send it on to you.

If you have any questions please come to see us and we will endeavour to answer your queries and share further information about this term.

Best wishes,

Mrs Duckworth & Mrs Mason