

YEAR 2 NEWS

Campsbourne School Termly Newsletter

Spring 2 - 2018

Welcome to Spring Term 2

Year 2, welcome back to Campsbourne!

We hope that you had a relaxing half term and that your children are all ready for the fun half term ahead!

Adults working in Year 2

Class Teachers

Seurat - Miss Ferguson

O'Keeffe - Mrs Jenny Vincent

Support Staff

Fumi Pedro and Debbie Hembra

Trips

On Tuesday 6th March, Year 2 will be visiting the National Gallery as part of the gallery's Take One Picture art project.

English

In English this half term we will be learning about **Information writing**. The children will be learning about the structure and language features of **non-chronological reports**. They will produce their own non-chronological report about an animal, ensuring they include the key features, such as paragraphs and subheadings, detail and description, generalisers and connectives.



Maths

This half term we will be focusing on:

- **Addition and subtraction of 2-digit numbers:** solving problems involving numbers, quantities and measures; estimating and checking calculations.
- **Money:** recognising and using symbols (£, p); combining coins to make an amount of money; and addition and subtraction in the context of money.
- **Faces, shapes and patterns; lines and turns:** Identifying and describing properties of 2-D and 3-D shapes; comparing and sorting common shapes and objects; describing position and movement in mathematical

Geography

In **geography**, our topic is *Sensational Safari*. The children will be recapping the seven continents and five oceans of the world. We will then be focusing on the continent of Africa and learning about the people, culture, climate, habitats and animals of this continent.

Computing

In **computing**, the children will research a topic— safely, effectively and efficiently—using a structured approach (mind mapping). They will share their findings with others through a short multimedia



presentation.

PHSE

- Our **PSHE** focus this half term is **Healthy and Safer Lifestyles: Drug Education**.

The focus of this unit is safety around medicines and household substances.

Children will:

- Understand how things can get in the body and that some can be helpful and some can be harmful.
 - Be aware of safety rules concerning medicine and be able to name people who could help them take them safely.
- Understand that there can be alternatives to medicine use to feel better.
- Be able to recognise simple risks and suggest ways of managing given scenarios.

PE

PE will take place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

During Games sessions the children will be working on creating and inventing rules.

The children will describe changes to their heart rate when playing different games.

Dance sessions this half term will focus on using a variety of basic dance actions and how to vary these through speed and size. They will perform dances to simple



Science

In **science** our topic is Our Living Earth. This half term the children will be taught to:

- Describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals .
- Find out about and describe that basic needs of animals, including humans.
- Describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food and hygiene.

Art

This term we are focusing on different painting techniques. We will be finding out about different artists and the variety of techniques, paints and tools that they use.

As a school we will be taking part in the National Gallery's *Take One Picture Project*. The children will visit the National Gallery to view this year's chosen picture and we will then be using this as a stimulus back in class to create our own art

Music

Year 2 will continue to explore the 'Music of the Caribbean'. With Bamboo Tamboo we will build on work already done with calypso songs, using complex rhythm sentences so that we can learn how to accompany ourselves.



Homework

Homework will be handed out each week on a **Friday**.

We are focusing on **handwriting, spelling** and **number facts**, such as number bonds, doubling/halving and multiplication facts. **Spelling challenge** takes place on a Friday. Please support your child to practise their spellings. Guided reading and library books are changed weekly, please ensure your child brings their books back to school. Children should be reading daily at home.

Please support your child by discussing the homework tasks with them and if

