

Barn Croft Primary School

Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn 2017



Welcome to Year 2! The children are beginning to get settled and we have already had some fantastic lessons. With what I have seen so far, I'm sure they are going to have a very successful year!

This year, I will be sending home spellings and number bonds/times tables for weekly revision. For your child to make great progress, we encourage you to support your child to complete daily reading. We will be sending reading books home on a weekly basis. All reading comments can be recorded in their yellow reading books and when they complete a whole page, they will get a stamp and a 'reading boost' (5 Dojo points).

English

This half term, we are using a film and a picture book as stimuli for our writing and drama. The children will use poetry and letter writing to develop their vocabulary on the topics and sense of the characters' mindset. This will feed into their narrative writing which will lead into non-fiction writing later in the units when the children have a more developed vocabulary.

Maths

In order to ensure all children make the expected progress throughout the year, we will be exploring numbers between 0 and 100. The focus of this unit is to develop a true depth of understanding which can then be applied in units of work throughout the year. When children are able to show any 2-digit number using concrete, pictorial and abstract (numerals) representations and are able to discuss a number, they will be well placed to move to the next unit on addition and subtraction.

Topic: How have Rosa Parks and Nelson Mandela made the world a better place to live?

Our lessons on Nelson Mandela have already started and the children have looked at what is fair and unfair. The children will learn more about discrimination in this topic and we will explore historical events and contemporary issues. Children will use Nelson Mandela's African heritage as a source of inspiration for their art work (puppets inspired by Lion King musical) and will develop geographical skills by learning about continents, and identifying countries and cities on maps.

PE

We are doing invasion games in PE this half term. PE lessons are every **Monday** and children will need a full kit. Trainers or plimsolls are essential.

Music

This half term we will be inspired by African music and learn some fantastic rhythms with our hands, feet, voices and percussion instruments.

I am looking forward to working with Year 2 this academic year. They are a fantastically lively bunch and full of energy. I am looking forward to working with them to ensure that they reach their potential.

Mrs Abigail Jackson