

### **Maths**

The children really enjoyed using the Maths No Problem workbooks during Autumn 1 and will continue to use them in Autumn 2.

This half term the children will be learning about subtraction, multiplication and will start to link multiplication with division.

When learning about subtraction the children will work on solving problems involving subtracting 2-digit and 1-digit numbers, 2-digit and 2-digit numbers both with and without renaming.

When learning about multiplication the children will understand multiplication is the same as repeated addition. They will also work on their 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables.

Please look at the class blogs for the methods and ideas used within the children's maths lessons.

### **Science**

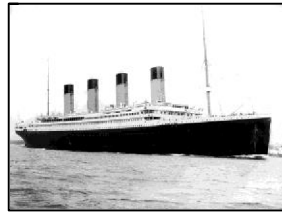
In Year 2 this half term the children will have one lesson dedicated to science a week. The children will be learning about materials as this will link well to the Topic.

The children will identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses. They will also find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.

### **Computing**

We will be using the iPads regularly to blog our learning on our class blog. Please comment on the class blog as the children love to see the interaction from adults at home. The children will also have regular slots to play a maths game called Sumdog. This app allows the teacher to decide on particular topics within maths for each individual child.

## **Year 2 Autumn 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Time The Titanic**



### **PE**

The children will be learning gymnastics and dance skills this half term. They will be developing these skills to build routines and evaluate their own performance. Please ensure your child has a named PE kit in school every day. This should include; a t-shirt, jumper, shorts, tracksuit bottoms and plimsolls. Please bring in hair bands for long hair.

### **Topic**

This half term we will be learning all about the Titanic. The children will be following a Mantle of the Expert approach, which will involve using drama and storytelling to experience the lives of different people on the Titanic. Towards the end of the topic the children will take on the role of a responsible team putting on an exhibition informing people about the ship and the fictional characters we will create through our drama work.

### **English**

The children will be learning the story 'The Papaya that Spoke' using a story map and actions to help them retell the story orally. We will then create our own versions of the story, making small changes to the plot but keeping the structure. This will give us a chance to look closely at punctuation, story structure and ways to link and extend sentences. Much of our writing work will be linked to our project on the Titanic, including writing letters, menus, telegrams and diary entries.

### **Reading**

The children will all have a reading book which will be read at school and will be sent home to share. If you read with your child, please leave a comment in their reading diary so we know how to support them next. The children will have three guided reading sessions a week around the story 'The Hodgeheg' where they will develop their phonic knowledge and comprehension skills.

### **SPaG (spelling, punctuation and grammar)**

Throughout Year 2 the children will learn a new spelling rule each week. The children will then have spellings to practise involving the new spelling rule they have learnt. Please support your child to learn these spellings which will be uploaded to the school website.

### **Important dates**

Parents evening – 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> November  
Children in need 16<sup>th</sup> November  
Christmas performance dress rehearsal 30<sup>th</sup> November  
Christmas performance DVD show 3<sup>rd</sup> December  
Christmas performance show 5<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas experience at Hope church 7<sup>th</sup> December  
Drumming assembly 11<sup>th</sup> December  
Last day of autumn term 18<sup>th</sup> December