

NORTHSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL Y2 – HALF TERMLY LETTER



Summer Term 2nd half 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our topic for this half-term is called "Tiny Seeds and Giant Seas". All subjects will be creatively linked into this theme which centres on learning about the different geographical features of the British Isles, different types of plants, how and where they grow and the history of the Seaside Holiday in the UK. We will be going on a coach trip to Southend on Sea on Wednesday 5th July.

Literacy: We will be reading and writing about a wide range lots of famous and not so well known texts in Literacy lessons to support our learning. We will be reading and writing about The Tiny Seed and the Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle, Tiddler and The Whale and The Snail by Julia Donaldson as well as the The Lonely Beast by Chris Judge. We will be writing in lots of narrative genres such as diaries, reviews, postcards and an extended story.

Numeracy:

This half term we will continue to focus on securing place value, partitioning and number facts and children will be expected to apply their deepening knowledge in these areas to a range of challenging word problems across the 4 operations. We will also focus on Statistics as this will link to data collection and skills needed in our Science Investigations.

Other curriculum subjects:

Our Science topic is Plants and we will be conducting investigations to observe and describe how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants and we will be finding out why, and describing how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay healthy. Science Key Skills needed for Key Stage 1 will be a major feature in this topic. These skills focus on asking simple questions and recognising that they can be answered in different ways by observing closely using simple equipment, performing simple tests, identifying and classifying, using their observations and ideas to suggest answers to questions and gathering and recording data to help in answering questions

In Geography, we will be looking at the physical and human geography of inland and coastal regions of the British Isles.

Children will have more lessons on creating algorithms for simple programs in Computing as well as learn to design, create and print their own leaflet and posters advertising Seaside holidays.

In Art will be exploring the work of famous painters such as Picasso, Seurat and Matisse and creating our own giant Seaside painting.

As advised by the government, schools are now required to promote the following British values:

- Tolerance
- Democracy
- The Rule of Law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect

Throughout the year we will look at the five British Values, this half term we will learning about The Rule of Law. This will link into our PSHE topic about Rights and Responsibilities which will include a Global Citizens Project looking at children's lifestyles around the world. In RE we will continue to learn about religious symbols and focus on how these are represented in Religious Stories.

Homework: This will be put in Book Bags on **Thursdays**. It usually consists of a Literacy or Numeracy activity and Spellings to learn. Spelling tests are on Monday mornings. Homework should be handed in on **Tuesday** morning. Please comment regularly in the yellow Reading Record books and respond to advice or comments that staff have made. **You must send in the yellow Reading Record every day even if your child is still reading the book they brought home.**

Finally, if you can support our new topic in any way, please let me know.

Mrs McNevin

Year 2 Class Teacher