

Year 2 Chestnut Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome back! This term our exciting topic will be 'Islands'.



In **English** we will be looking at stories with familiar settings and will focus on the story The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch. We will also look at poetry based on the senses.

This term we will be learning about 'Islands'. During our **Geography** lessons we will explore continents and oceans, the human and physical features of Islands as well as how they are formed.



Our **Art** lessons will focus on studying different artists and using different techniques to create self portraits.

During our **ICT** lessons we will be looking at coding and online safety. This will be taught by Mrs Henwood.

This term Year 2 will be taught **gym** by an external coach. These lessons will take place on Wednesday mornings until the half term holiday. **Games** will take place on Monday afternoons and we will be working on basic skills through activities that will develop throwing, catching, running and jumping abilities. Please make sure your child has the correct PE kit in school on these days including a pair of plimsolls or trainers with a good grip.



During **Science** lessons the children will be looking at electricity, life cycles and animals including humans.

In **RE**, the children will be exploring the questions *what did Jesus teach* and *why did God give Jesus to the World?*

In **Maths** this half term we will be reinforcing place value and will continue to explore strategies for adding and subtracting two digit numbers. Children should become really confident in recalling facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables as we will be applying this knowledge to more word based multiplication and division problems. We will also be learning to count in steps of three and will apply this to the 3 times table.



Upcoming Events

Friday 28th September Year 2 Assembly

Monday 22nd – Friday 26th October -Half Term

Monday 29th October – Term 2 begins

Activities to do at home:

Carry out research using books and the internet to obtain information on an Island. This research can be used for our half-term holiday homework which will involve each child producing a booklet on an Island of their choice.

Homework – We will give homework on a Friday and will collect completed work for marking on the following Thursday.

Spelling – This will be given out with the homework on Friday for a test the following Friday.

Please encourage your child to tell the time regularly and practice their times tables. They should also be encouraged to go onto Doodle Maths (ideally daily) as it really does boost their understanding of Maths.