



Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to the final term of 2023. We hope that you all had a good break over the half term and are ready for this very busy term.

### English

This half term, we are focusing our writing based on the text 'The Dragon Machine' by Helen Ward. The children will be reading and writing about the text and creating a recount of the story using their own words. Their new learning for this piece of writing will be how to use expanded noun phrases.



The children will continue to access the daily Read Write Inc. programme in groups. In order to continue to develop their reading skills, it is really important to **read at home** regularly.

The children will have mixture of spelling patterns and the Year 2 common exception words to learn at home each week. Spellings will be tested every **Monday** and the new list will be sent home the same day. Please ensure that their **homework books or folders** are in their book bags every **Monday**.

### Mathematics

This half term, the children will focus on multiplication and division, and measurement. At home, you can encourage your child to practice their skills by asking them to show you the methods they have been learning in class.

### Science

The children are extremely fortunate to be part of Caring Cooks' 'Let's Get Cooking' Programme. It teaches practical skills in the kitchen, provides in depth knowledge about nutrition, explores the origin of foods, and integrates many elements from the Year 2 curriculum. The programme runs for 5 weeks. The children will continue to find out how to eat a healthy, balanced diet and why exercise is important to keep their bodies healthy.



### PE

PE will take place on a **Tuesday** with our sports coach, Mr. Cox and on a **Wednesday** with Mrs. Ollivier.



### Computing

Creating Media- Digital photography- The children will find out about the range of devices that they can use to take photographs, develop their skills in the composition of taking quality photographs and how to edit their images.



### Voice 21

Oracy enables children to learn to talk and learn through talk - it helps to consolidate learning, build and challenge on the ideas of others as well as their own, and helps children become articulate and effective communicators. The Year 2 Oracy target this term is **to sustain eye contact as proof of listening in paired tasks and group activities**.

## Geography



In geography the children will be learning about the continents and oceans in relation to Africa (Kenya) and about where Jersey is in relation to the rest of the world. They will be using atlases, learning about the environment, the people and the varied wildlife of Kenya. They will learn to make some comparisons between Kenya and Jersey.



## PSHE

This half term the class are learning about **Celebrating Difference** through focusing on the importance of valuing and respecting themselves and others. Children will start to recognise and appreciate differences among themselves and others by understanding what makes them special and unique. Children will learn to accept everyone's right to 'difference' and explore the concept of 'normal' and bullying – what it is and what it isn't.



## Art

Composition & Tone- The children will continue to learn about the artist Caravaggio and the use of light and shade in his work. They will learn to use a range of pencil gradients and make accurate representations of real objects and scenes that they have carefully observed. They will create some tonal drawings and learn some subject specific terminology, such as: **tonal range, highlight, shadow, depth**. They will learn how to use sketchbooks to record observations, review and revisit ideas and evaluate their artwork.



## Music

Mrs Lawrence will be focusing on teaching the children the songs for our Christmas production, '**A King Is Born**'. 2M Music is on Mondays and 2OD Music is on Thursdays.



## Homework

Please include at least 15 minutes of reading and practicing the weekly spellings each evening. Please record your child's reading books in their yellow reading records.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask one of us at drop off or pick up or email.

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## Diary Dates

Year 2 Christmas Performance- Friday 15th December at 2.15pm.

Year 2 Christmas Parties- Monday 18th December.

Kind regards,

Miss O'Donoghue and Mrs. Manning