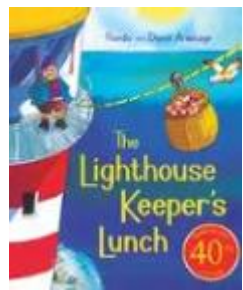


## Year Two Newsletter

### Classes 2L and 2H

This term the children will be exploring the following topics:



#### **Science-** Animals including Humans

Pupils will be taught to:

- Identify that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults
- find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air)
- describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene.

**How can parents help?** You could discuss the different foods you eat at home from the food groups and whether they should eat them a lot or a little.

In **Maths**, we will be learning about division and multiplication and written methods of addition and subtraction crossing ones. We will be also looking at length in metres and centimetres.

#### **To help parents could:**

- Ensure children understand the place value of two-digit numbers.
- Practice counting in 2s, 5s, 10s on and back and begin to learn associated multiplication and division facts.
- Use written methods such as column for addition and subtraction
- Try measuring different objects at home in cm with rulers and tape measures.

In **PE** our units this half term are Yoga learning about body control and Fundamental Movement Skills focussing on movement, defending and passing.

Our PE days this term are:

- Outdoor PE: Friday
- Indoor PE: Wednesday

In **Literacy** we will be reading and writing stories with a theme. Our focus text will be The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch linked to our Science Healthy living. We will be writing a narrative, writing instructions linked to our DT work making a healthy wrap and writing a poem linked to our firework poetry unit.

In **History**, we will be continuing to learn all about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder plot and why we celebrate Bonfire Night.

In **Geography**, our unit is a local area study where we will be using maps to study the geographical features of Widnes.

In **DT**, we will be designing, making and evaluating a healthy snack and learning to use the bridge and claw grip when slicing food safely.

In **RE**, our unit is Christianity, Jesus: 'Why do Christians say that Jesus is the 'Light of the world?'

In **Computing** we will be making games exploring algorithms and coding.

#### **Messages and reminders**

- This half term we will be taking the children on a walk around our local area.
- Homework is given out on a Tuesday and due on the following Monday.
- Spelling tests are on a Monday.
- Reading books should be read at home regularly and sent into school every day so children can read with an adult in school. Please write a comment in their diary every time you read with your child.
- Children will also bring home a school library book which is to encourage reading for pleasure. It is not the expectation that they should be able to read this book themselves, but they may wish to.