



# Year 2 Learning Leaflet



## Topic

**Art and Design** - We will be studying the artists Giuseppe Arcimboldo and Kandinsky and we will be using their ideas to create our own pieces of artwork.

**Design and Technology** - We will taste a range of food from around the world and locate the different countries on a map. We will also be learning about food hygiene when we make our own crispy cakes and design and make a healthy pasta salad.

**ICT**— We will learn about how to use Powerpoint and begin making our own Powerpoint presentation.

## Muck, Mess And Mixtures

**Welcome back and Happy New Year!**

Last half term was a long half term but also a very busy one! We had lots of fun learning about Castles and learning to add and subtract using the column method—this was a very grown up concept but most children have grasped it! We will continue to practise these skills in our 'Quick Fire Maths' sessions. We hope the children in Year 2 have had a well deserved rest and are ready to embark on our next topic.

This half term our topic is 'Muck, Mess and Mixtures' where, you've guessed it, we get to make LOTS OF MESS! From painting to experiments, and cooking to eating we have lots of exciting activities for your child to do.

## English

Our English learning focus for the term will be to write a sequel to the story book 'Naughty Bus'. In addition to this we will be reading George's Marvellous Medicine and writing a character description about evil Grandma! Your child will continue to receive spellings on a weekly basis. For additional practice, please spend time reading and spelling the common exception words. Daily reading is also important even if it is a couple of pages or a chapter per night! We ask the children to hand in their reading records in everyday so we can see when they are reading at home and if they need to change their book. Please ensure that you have signed the planner when you have read with your child. Thank you!

## Maths

**The children will build on their place value knowledge to:**

Halve and double numbers to 30.

Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5, 3 and 10 multiplication tables, including recognising odd and even numbers.

Complete multiplication and division calculations.

Show that multiplication of two numbers can be done in any order but division cannot.

Write simple fractions ( $1/2$ ,  $1/4$  and  $1/3$ ) and recognise, find, name and write fractions of length, shape or a set of objects ( $1/3$ ,  $1/2$ ,  $2/4$ ,  $3/4$ ).

Recognise the equivalence of  $1/2$  and  $2/4$ .

## Dates for the diary

**Tuesday 4th February—Parents evening**

**Thursday 6th February—Parents evening**

**Tuesday 11th February—Showcase of children's topic work** (3.30-4pm in your child's classroom).

**Kingfishers** class will be swimming on Wednesday afternoons.

## P.E. days

**Please ensure your child has a P.E. kit in school.**

**Doves—Outdoor P.E. is on Tuesdays and indoor P.E. is on Wednesdays.**

**Owls—Outdoor P.E. is on Mondays and indoor P.E. is on Thursdays.**

**Kingfishers—Indoor P.E. is on Mondays and there is no outdoor P.E. due to swimming.**

## Science

The children will be carrying out lots of practical investigations using different materials and this will involve asking questions, observing, performing simple tests, and using their observations and ideas to answer questions. We will create a range of different messy mixtures and learn about solids and liquids. The children will enjoy finding out which mixture creates the best bubbles and how different liquids behave when they are mixed with water. They will also investigate the scientific changes that take place when making ice cream.