

### PLEASE SUPPORT US

- If your child is absent from school for any reason, please telephone us on the first day of absence, before 9.30am (01384 818730) or alternatively email us on [info@cotwall.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:info@cotwall.dudley.sch.uk).
- Please ensure your child is in their classroom before 8.50am to ensure a prompt start to the school day. Any child entering school after 8.50am will be awarded a late mark on the register. The school day finishes at 3.15pm so please make sure you are already at school at that time to collect your child promptly. Children who are not collected on time will be put into our After School Club where a fee will be charged.
- Holiday forms **MUST** be completed if you are taking your child out of school. These are available from the School Office or the School website ([www.cotwall.dudley.sch.uk](http://www.cotwall.dudley.sch.uk)). All holiday taken during term time is now recorded as unauthorised.
- Please make sure you advise the School Office of any changes of address, telephone numbers, emergency contacts etc.
- All children are encouraged to bring water bottles to school with them each day.

### IMPORTANT DATES

School Nurse	10th January and 7th March, 8.30am
Attendance Officer, Mrs Spittle, in school to discuss attendance	10th Jan, 24th Jan, 7th Feb, 28th Feb, 14th March, 28th March,
Edmond Hall Residential	6th to 8th February
School disco	8th February
Book Fair week	13-16th February
Parents' evening, whole school	15th February, 3.30-5.00pm
Parents' evening, whole school	16th February, 3.30pm-5.50pm (new time) 6.15pm-8.00pm (new time)
Red Nose Day	24th March
Parent workshop - Easter theme	w/c 3rd April (whole school)

### Spring Term - 2017

Starts: 3rd January 2017  
Inset day: 17th February 2017  
Half term: 20th-24th February 2017  
Spring term ends: 7th April 2017

### Summer Term - 2017

Starts: 24th April 2017  
May Day: 1st May 2017  
Election: 4th May 2017 (*school closed*)  
Half term: 29th May - 2nd June 2017  
Summer term ends: 21st July 2017  
Inset day: 24th July 2017  
Inset day: 25th July 2017

## YEAR 2 Cotwall End Primary School Curriculum Newsletter Spring Term 2017



Mrs Hardeman

Mrs Slater

Mrs Golder

Mrs Perks

Mrs Elwell

Mrs James

Mrs Wilkes

Mrs Turner

*Welcome to the Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter. We look forward to making your child's learning enjoyable by adopting a variety of teaching strategies. This is a summary of the learning programme for your child for the Spring Term, together with suggestions of things that you could do to support your child during this term. We hope you will find this useful.*

### MATHEMATICS

This term we will be covering partitioning and calculations to include work on larger numbers, place value of one, two and three digit numbers, addition, subtraction and some work on multiplication and division. The main emphasis will be teaching the children how to complete calculations by drawing their own number lines and using other formal written methods. Mental maths is part of every lesson so please help your child by encouraging them to learn their number bonds up to 20, counting forwards and backwards in 2's, 3's, 5's, and 10's starting from any number, doubling and halving numbers to 20 and being able to recall simple sums in their head by using the counting on and counting back methods. We will also look at securing understanding of shape to include 2D and 3D shapes, halves and quarters of shapes and numbers. We will also learn about clockwise and anti-clockwise, and other directional language. We will continue to work on handling data and reading data in tables and graphs, comparing results, discussing outcomes and completing our own graphs. Our work on Measures will include measuring length, capacity and weight and standard units will be used to measure and compare the measurements of everyday objects. Time will include o'clock, half past, quarter to and quarter past and solving time problems. Please support your child by making Maths a regular but fun part of everyday life. As of this term we will be sending home a piece of work on a Thursday for the children to work on at home. If this work could be returned on Monday of the following week we would be grateful. Please encourage your child to complete this task and to return it to school.



## ENGLISH

This term in English we will focus on fiction, non-fiction and poetry texts.



- In Fiction we will be looking at Pirate Tales and various fiction books based on this theme. We will be developing our use of adjectives and verbs, our use of commas, exclamation marks, question marks and writing our own tales with a pirate twist! We will encourage the children to use a dictionary and a thesaurus to develop their language too.
- In Non-Fiction we will focus on explanation texts, encouraging the children to develop their knowledge of using indexes and glossaries and the understanding of using bold and italics in texts.
- At the end of this term we will also explore information texts and the children will develop a better understanding of the layout in a factual book.
- In Poetry we will be exploring 'storm poetry' and descriptive language. We will be imagining being in a storm and writing our own poetry about it.
- Phonics lessons take place on a daily basis, as well as being an integral part of learning. We are continuing a spelling lesson once a day and testing on a Wednesday and will be sending home words on a weekly basis for the children to learn. Please encourage your child to learn these spellings and look for other spellings which follow the same pattern.

We will endeavour to hear your child read on a weekly basis and can we remind you to please date and comment in their reading records when your child is heard read at home as this still contributes to the VIP club.

Please question the children about what they have read, predict what is going to happen, ask them to find adjectives, verbs or a word which means the same as another one. Discuss the characters and their actions and feelings and be able to state their favourite part of the text and explain why.

A big WELL DONE to everyone who has made it to a VIP club in school so far!

## COMPUTING

This term the children will develop their word processing and research skills. We will link their ICT work to our Out at Sea topic wherever possible. Children will use algorithms to write their own simple programs. Children will also learn about controlling Bee-Bots and on screen characters.



## TOPIC: Out at Sea

During the first half term we will be learning all about pirates and their way of life. We will join Blackbeard's Crew and set sail in search of treasure! By half term, rumour has it that we will be shipwrecked and go beneath the waves. After half term we will be learning about life in the sea, both mythical and real. Watch this space for our pirate day!



## SCIENCE

The first part of the term the children will be based on the topic Living Things and their Habitats. The second part of the Spring term will focus on looking at plants more closely and the conditions in which plants grow. We will also begin to look at life cycles in more detail.



## PE

In PE lessons this term for one lesson the children will have Mr Whitehouse and in the second lesson the children will improve their gymnastic skills. After half term we will change our focus to dance where children will create movements to different types of music to do with our topic, Out at Sea.

## MUSIC

The children will still be taught music by a real expert! Mrs Barnfather will teach them to sing and use instruments every week.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

In RE this term we will focus on what is a Prayer? We will also look at different ways of thanking and praising people and of praising God. We will look at Judaism and the belief of a living God, why is Purim celebrated, as well as the story of Queen Esther.

## PSHE

We will be studying role models who have achieved success and the qualities needed to be successful.

## THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Children are not to bring toys into school.
- Children must bring in their reading books and reading records every day. Please record your child's progress at home in their reading record as this forms part of their end of year assessment.
- Please check your child has a full PE kit in school at all times and that it has their name clearly written on the label/pumps.
- PE days are Tuesday and Friday. Long hair must be tied back and all jewellery removed on these days. Thank You!