

# Year 2's Newsletter

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Welcome to Year 2! We hope you've enjoyed the start to the new year! We had a busy first week back introducing our new topic of the Victorians. The children even had a little taste of what school would have been like in the Victorian times! They chanted times tables, sang some songs and even took part in a Victorian PE lesson! Over this half term, the class will be completing art, design, and history work related to this topic. We will look at how the Victorians lived, what they wore, how they travelled, and who the important people were. We will also think about the legacy they left, and how many of the inventions they created are still used today.

Our focus for learning is:

- To be able to use words & phrases like before, after, past, present, then, now
- I can describe events from the past using dates when things happened
- To be able to mix paint to create all secondary colours

## English & Maths

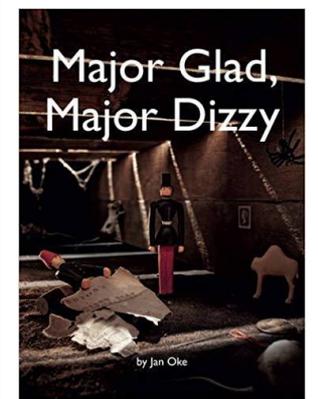
The class book this half term is 'Major Glad, Major Dizzy' by Jan Oke. The children have been using their inference skills to predict what the book might be about from the front cover and pictures inside. We will be using the book as a stimulus for writing letters and non chronological reports. We will also be continuing with the Letters and Sounds phonics programme. Our focus for learning:

- *To be able to draw inferences from illustrations*
- *To be able to discuss the sequence of events in books & how they relate to each other*
- *To be able to use question marks and exclamation marks correctly*

In Maths, we will be focusing on the key concepts of place value, addition and subtraction; splitting numbers into tens and ones, and counting. We will be placing a big emphasis on problem solving and reasoning skills.

Our focus for learning:

- *To be able to count in steps of 2, 3 and 5 from 0 and in tens from any number, forward and backward*
- *To recognise the place value of each digit in a two-digit number (tens, ones)*
- *To be able to solve problems involving addition and subtraction. Please help your child learn their 2, 5 and 10 times tables at home.*



The times tables that need to be learnt this year are; 2, 5, and 10. Please help your child at home to practise their

**P.E. is on a Tuesday. Please ensure your child has a red top and black trousers or shorts.** We also ask that they remove or cover up all items of jewellery. The children also do Yoga on a Thursday. (P.E. kit not needed for these sessions, but feel free to leave it in school throughout the week,)

Please remember to listen to your child read for 10 minutes every night. One of the biggest indicators of success in a child's school career is whether they have read at home regularly. Ask your child questions as they read to check their understanding, for example:

- What do you think is going to happen next?
- How do you think the character is feeling?



**Homework** - issued three times a week:

**Monday**- Comprehension (return Wednesday)

**Wednesday**- Handwriting and spelling (return Friday)

**Friday**- Maths (return following Monday)

Your child also has a Mathletics login in their reading diary. Regular practice on the Mathletics website / app will help them consolidate their maths learning.

### **Book Bags**

Children are expected to bring their school book bag to school with them every day. The school book bags are available from the school office. They are the perfect size for keeping homework flat and fitting in school trays. They also form part of our uniform. If your child currently does not have a school book bag, please purchase one from the office as soon as possible.

### **Diary Dates**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September: Mini Olympics at the High School

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October: Trip to Nottingham Contemporary

If you are able to come with us on any of our trips, please let one of the Year 2 team know - we would appreciate your support.