Spring 2020 1st Half Term - Year 2

We hope you all had a restful holiday and a wonderful Christmas. We are raring to get started with the new term and have got lots of exciting things planned for the children. All of your children have returned to school eager to learn and it's great to be greeted by their happy faces every morning. Team Enchantment will begin a new topic called 'Explore and Discover' which the children are already curious to learn more about.

English

★ **Fantasy Stories:** Our focus this half term will be fantasy story writing. We will be focussing on creative writing and the format of writing a story, as well as continuing to focus on punctuation and grammar. We will then move onto newspaper articles.

★ **Reading:** The children will be sharing and finding features of a range of fantasy stories. They will also have daily reading sessions.

★ **SPaG:** In their daily SPaG lessons we will continue to use Letterland to revise spelling rules. This term the rules will be around adding suffixes 'less', 'ness' and 'y'.

★ **Spellings:** Please use the personal spelling wall in your child's bag to see their focus spellings for that week - they will be circled. Any spellings they have correctly spelt in a previous spelling check will be coloured in. Please do not colour in this spelling wall at home.

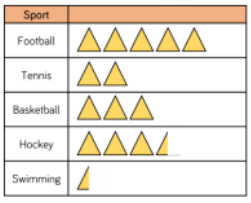
Maths

★ **Division**

The children will be diving by sharing objects and numbers into equal groups. They will then be dividing by 2, 5 and 10 using the division symbol.

★ **Statistics**

In statistics the children will be learning about different ways of recording data. They will be drawing and interpreting pictograms, tally charts and block diagrams.



★ **Length and Height**

We will be measuring in cm and m. The children will be comparing and ordering lengths/heights.

Topic Focus

Explore and Discover - Space

★ **History:** We will be focusing on significant people and events that occurred in relation to space and in particular the moon landing.

★ **Science:** In this area the children will be thinking about the features and environments of different planets and comparing them to one another, along with the earth. We will also be making predictions and carrying out an experiment with our bodies about the effects of exercise.

★ **Art/DT:** We will be linking our learning to create a moon surface with different materials.

★ **RE:** The children will be learning about the religion of Hinduism. This will include some Hindu festivals and their beliefs on the creation of the world.

Team Enchantment reminders for this half term

★ Please ensure your child has their **full, labelled** PE kit for the term and that it stays in school. Some children received a letter before Christmas regarding kit. Please ensure that this is sorted before the end of the week.
PE days: Castle: Tuesday & Thursday **Meadow:** Tuesday, Thursday and Friday **Treetops:** Tuesday & Friday

★ Please make sure your child has a **coat** in school every day as the weather remains quite cool. It would help us if all hats, scarfs and gloves were labelled!

★ As a way of supporting the children in Key Stage One with their Phonics (the learning of sounds), Reading and SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar), we will be continuing a shared family Phonics and SPaG based session every Friday morning 8:50-9:05. The children apply their English knowledge in fun and vibrant ways and adults have the opportunity to pick up tips on how best to support their children's reading and writing at home.

★ Parents/Carers MyMaths Info session: Wednesday 22nd January 3pm

★ Grown-ups in Golden Time: Friday 24th January 2:30pm

Many Thanks for your support ☺

Miss Wright (Team Leader), Miss Hughes and Mr Hickling