Year 2 Autumn 2 Overview

Dear Parents,
Our topic for this half term is 'Our Planet' and this will be based around the study of living things and their habitats, as well as learning about different factors that affect our planet. Also, in this term, we will be preparing for our nativity. Every child will be involved in some way and some children will bring home lines to learn later on in the term. Please find this half term's homework below. A brief overview of each curricular area can be found overleaf, which we hope you will find helpful. If you would like to contact a member of staff to ask any question or pass on information, please email staff@broughtonprimary.co.uk and mark your email 'FAO *insert teacher's name here*'. Your emails will be forwarded to the relevant member of staff during working hours.

Thank you,
Mrs Munnelly and Miss Simpson

English Homework

Reading: The children in Year 2 will be continuing our brilliant new reading scheme. In this scheme, the books are carefully matched to the learning in each year group so that they fully complement what children are taught in class. The books have a range of relevant activities on the front and back covers to develop your children's comprehension skills. Children are still expected to read or complete one of the reading activities for at least twenty minutes each evening. Please continue to sign your child's Home School Diary every day to enable us to keep a clear record of which books the children have read and when they have completed activities. Books will be changed on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday to allow children to read and enjoy the text as well as rereading and completing the relevant activities. This scheme has been carefully devised to supplement the teaching in class and supporting the children in becoming well-rounded readers.

Phonics: Homework will be set on the Friday of each week to be handed in on the following Monday. This will be stuck in a red exercise book to be completed.

Topic Homework

Homework activities will be linked to our topic for this half term. It is compulsory to complete any two activities, and it is optional to complete the remaining four activities. It has been indicated which activities should be completed independently and which may require a little help from an adult. Finished homework can be brought into school as it is completed.

Independent

- To write a list of ways of how you can help save your planet.
- To watch a weather forecast and write their own weather report for the next day.
- To draw the different members of our community outside of school.
- To go and find a habitat and record your findings of which animals and plants you found.

Supported

- To type up the list of ways of how you can help save your planet.
- To take pictures of wildlife in their natural habitats and write about why it is good for them.
- To ask your grandparents what their house were like and how they were different to yours. Write or draw what you have found out.

Maths Homework

Every other Friday, children will receive maths homework on the online system 'Maths.com' which can be found at www.maths.com . All children will be given their own username and password which will be stuck into their 'Home Record' books. The set task should be completed over the course of a fortnight at the children's pace. If you have any problems accessing the system at home, please contact your child's class teacher.

Children are also expected to practise the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

English

This half term, the children will be reading 'Greta and the Giants' and 'Dear Greenpeace'. The texts will focus on looking after our planet and creating stories based on these texts.

The children will also be reading, creating and performing a wide range of poetry.

Maths

Y2 – The children will continue to expand their knowledge of addition and subtraction skills. This will involve understanding more or less, using tens and ones in order to add and subtract 2-digit numbers effectively and missing number problems. The children may need to bridge the tens when solving some questions. The children will also look at the shape unit this half term- recognising names and properties including symmetry and types of lines.

Science

In science this half term, the children will explore habitats and micro-habitats in the school grounds and will identify and observe the animals and plants which live there. They will also research other habitats in the world. The children will understand how living things are suited to their habitats and how different habitats provide for their basic needs. They will act out food chains to develop their understanding of how living things depend on each other. The children will also work scientifically by making and recording observations of which animals and plants live in which micro-habitats in the school grounds.

History

This term children will learn about how homes have changed within and beyond living memory by asking questions and investigating sources provided from home and the Cottage Museum. Children will begin to see connections between their own home lives and those of older people. They will also start to explain some of the main changes and differences.

Geography

The children will identify seasonal and daily weather patterns and understanding the difference between them. They will also explore how climate change is affecting the weather and identify some of the effects of global warming using basic geographical vocabulary.

Computing

In computing, children will use iPads, organise, store, manipulate and retrieve digital photographs. They will learn what devices can used to take photographs and explore different formats. They will also learn how to edit and improve an image by experimenting with different light sources.

PE

The children will be developing awareness. They will be learning and practicing this skill with a variety of equipment and games.

Music

This half term, Year 2 will be learning to sing 'Ho, ho, ho'-a Christmas Song. They will be also listening and appraising other styles of music. We will also be spending our music lessons preparing for our school nativity.

RE

Our topic this term is 'Why was the birth of Jesus such good news?'
The children will experience sending and receiving good news. They will also discuss how the good news of Jesus' birth was spread by the gospels.