

 **Reading:** Class Text: Our texts for this term are 'George and the Dragon' followed by 'Stone Age Boy'. We will be developing word reading, comprehension and discussion in groups, and with the teacher. Within our guided reading sessions, we will continue to use our phonic knowledge to decode words and develop fluency. We will use Teach Hub which allows the children to access a whole text, rather than an extract.

 **Writing:** We will start the term revisiting grammar and punctuation to ensure these skills are embedded properly before moving onto a class text. Following this, we will be looking at 'George and the Dragon' and completing work around this. This will include lots of work on extending our vocabulary and writing effective sentences for a story; developing powerful verbs, adjectives and including thoughts and feelings.

 **History:** Our new topic is Kings, Queens and Castles. We will look at who our past monarchs have been, where they lived and why they built castles.

 **Geography:** Our new topic is Kings, Queens and Castles which is predominantly History based. We will be moving onto our Geography topic of 'The Local Area' after October half term.

 **RE:** Within RE we will be studying What is the good news Jesus brings. We will be looking at the word 'Gospel' Christians believe they have been given rules on how to live.

 Homework and Expectations:

Reading: 5 times a week as per home/school agreement. This will be monitored on Fridays and children will be rewarded. Books are changed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Spellings: Given out weekly, tested on Fridays.
Homework: Handed out at the end of the week, due in the following Thursday.

Science: Our first topic is the use of everyday materials, recapping different materials and how they are used in everyday life. We will be identifying and comparing the properties of different materials. After half term we will be looking at units on animals' need for survival and humans.

Computing: We will continue to follow the Purple Mash Scheme. We will begin by looking at Online Safety and the importance of staying safe online. They can also access Purple Mash at home - usernames will be sent home shortly.

 **PSHE:** During this first half term, we will be looking at 'Family and Relationships'.

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 **Visits/Events:**

TBC
 **Challenge:** Our History topic is Kings, Queens and Castles. Can you find out any interesting facts about any Kings, Queens or castles? These can go on our topic board.

 **Our Staff:**

Mrs Bowcock/Miss Murray - Class teachers.
Mrs Williams - Class teaching assistant.

 **Maths:** We will start the year looking at place value. This includes partitioning, writing numbers to up 100 and counting in 2, 3, 5 and 10s. On Fridays, we will complete a fluency lesson focussing on number bonds and times tables to start with. All our investigations will follow concrete, pictorial and abstract methods. As always, we are continuously working on our 2, 5 and 10 times tables to ensure these are embedded by the end of Year 2.

Art: We will be working and experimenting with different materials through observational and collaborative pieces inspired by artists.

D&T: In DT we will be looking how to safely prepare food and the importance of a balanced diet. We will be creating a tasty, balanced wrap to meet a design brief.

 **Music:** We will be listening and responding to music using the Charanga music programme, as well as performing our own pieces and using improvisation skills. We will explore pulse, rhythm and pitch.

 **PE:** Our PE day is Friday morning. This term we will be working on ball skills with Stoke City.

 Year 2 News:

Welcome to Year 2! We hope that you all had a wonderful Summer break, enjoyed lots of quality family time together and have come back ready to learn new things.

In Year 2, the staffing is as follows: Monday - Wednesday: Mrs Bowcock. Thursday and Friday: Miss Murray. Mrs Williams will be our teaching assistant each morning.

PE is on Fridays so please send your child in the correct kit. This session will be run by Stoke City and the children will be working through various skills and techniques supervised by a SCFC coach.

Please ensure ALL your child's uniform and water bottles are named - this makes it so much easier to get things back to their rightful owner if they get lost. If you need to contact us, please use Class Dojo's messaging service and we will aim to get back to you as quickly as possible.
We hope you enjoy Year 2!