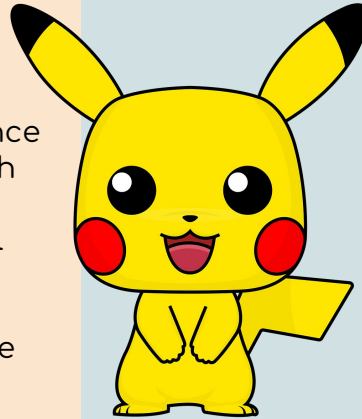


Year 2 Spring 1 Newsletter

Welcome back. We hope you all enjoyed the festive break. We are looking forward to a fun-filled term learning all about Pokemon. As always, email the school office or catch us on the playground if you have any questions or queries.

Big Idea and Writing

Our Big Idea this half term is Pokemon. Our learning journey will follow a range of subjects including History, Geography, Computing, Science and DT. Children have generated questions such as, 'Are Pokemon based on real animals?' and 'What is the capital of Japan?' In English, we will use Talk 4 Writing strategies to write non-chronological reports about Pikachu and other Pokemon. We will then focus on descriptive language and writing simple narratives.



Maths

In our morning maths sessions, we will consolidating our knowledge of formal methods including column addition; subtraction on a number line; arrays and people method. In our longer sessions, we will be exploring fractions of amounts and will then move onto looking at measurement and money.

Class Story

After reading a classic novel last half term, this half term we will be reading two modern novels: The Boy who Grew Dragons and Charlie Changes into a Chicken. These books have been shortlisted for lots of young reader prizes and we are excited to get reading.

Homework/helping at Home

We would love your children to read at home as much as possible. Banded school books will be sent home each week. Please ensure reading books and records are sent into school everyday. It is also important that children pick books that interest them too. Children will have access to the school library for books to read for pleasure in addition to anything they may have at home.

Children will receive spellings - linked to the week's rule - each Monday from 10th January. There will be a quiz each Friday. Spellings will be available online at Spelling Shed and a paper copy will be sent home. Your child will bring a login for Spelling Shed home. There will be 10 spellings but please aim to learn 6 if 10 is overwhelming.

Practising basic number skills such as counting, 2, 5 and 10 times tables and telling the time will also help greatly.

Extra Information

Miss Smith and Miss Crosby will be out of class Wednesday afternoon when the children will have French and Music lessons. PE is Monday and Tuesday - please make sure that children have winter kit in school on these days as at least one session will be outside.

