

# Year 2 Newsletter

## Topic

Welcome back after Easter! We have a very busy half term ahead of us. Our topic for the next term is Oceans and Seas. In English we will be writing book reviews, character descriptions, poems, letters, diary entries and non-chronological reports based on our topic. In Maths we will be working on measuring length, weight and capacity, rotation and problem solving in real life contexts. In Science we will be learning about animals and their habitats and investigating questions. In RE we will be exploring the Buddhist religion and in PSHCE we will be thinking about change and how we cope with it. In Geography we will look at maps of the UK and the World and identify countries, continents, oceans and seas as well as looking at the human and physical features of a seaside location. We will be using the Internet to find information in ICT and we will also use the iPads to support learning and create simple PowerPoints too. In DT we will be designing and making sea monsters whilst in Art we will be sketching things found on a beach and making collages. In Music we will be working on sea inspired songs. In History we will learn about the lives of famous people such as Grace Darling, a significant person from our local area, and find out what she did in the past. These are only some of the fun things we will be learning about.

## Year 2 special work

As you will be aware the Year 2s will be undertaking some SATs this half term. We use the terms "Special Work" or "Special Jobs" with the children in order to create a less threatening atmosphere for them. The children often enjoy these jobs and are rewarded and praised for their efforts.

## Water Bottles

Please try to remember to send a water bottle to school filled daily with fresh water (not juice). The children will be able to tell you the importance of daily water.

## PE

This half term we are going to continue to have PE every Thursday morning. We will be learning the skills of Tag Rugby.

## And Finally....

- We will be visiting Tynemouth Beach and Blue Reef Aquarium on Friday 7th June —details to follow.
- Thanks for the donations of boxes of tissues already sent—all donations still gratefully received!!
- Please could you ensure that all clothing is named—particularly jumpers. Thank you!!