

Corpusty Primary School  
Curriculum Newsletter  
Spring Term 2012  
Year 2

We hope you find the following information helpful. Please come and see us if you need to discuss anything.

### **Literacy**

We will start the spring term focussing on toys. We will follow, invent and write instructions for others to follow. Children will practise using 'bossy' and sequencing words. We will design posters for missing toys and describe characters from TV programs. Our next focus will be on traditional stories. We will compare versions of the same story retold through different media. The children will use role play activities to help them plan and write a new version of a tradition tale.

Sentence and Word level work will continue to focus on sentence structure and punctuation. The children will be encouraged to 'identify' new and interesting vocabulary and use adjectives to write descriptive sentences. We will have short daily phonics sessions looking at common spelling patterns and spelling 'rules'. We will also revise and practise letter formation and handwriting joins, encouraging children to apply this in their writing in general. Homework will include opportunities to practise joined up writing for spellings.

Guided reading will be part of the Literacy Hour and time will be found for individual, paired reading. Please continue to make time for a short daily reading session with your child. Feel free to come and change reading books as often as needed, just note it in their record book.

### **Numeracy**

We will continue to learn and practise addition, subtraction, multiplication and division using larger numbers and different strategies. We will build on areas covered last term, including place value, number bonds, counting in steps of 2, 5 and 10 and reading, writing and ordering numbers to 100 and beyond. Our work will include more measuring, time telling and data handling. Maths will be applied to real life problems such as measures, time and money - calculating totals, change and working out which coins to use. Please try to support this work at home e.g. by encouraging your child to pay for small items and talk about prices and the coins needed to pay.

### **Topic**

Our topic for this half-term is 'Toys'. After writing about and drawing their favourite toys, the children will be set homework to find out about parents' and grandparents' favourite toys. We will be reading stories that feature toys and finding out how different toys work (eg. pushes, pulls, clockwork, friction, momentum and batteries). If time allows we will also make some simple toys of our own.

### **RE**

In RE we will explore Hinduism through looking at the Festival of Holi. We will also be finding out about how Jesus lived his life and discover why Easter is a sad and happy time for Christians.

### **Music**

Lorna will continue to work with Year 2 on Wednesday afternoons.

### **Citizenship**

In Citizenship this half-term the children will be looking at 'Choices'. They will learn to recognize that they can make choices; the difference between right and wrong; what they like and dislike; what is fair and unfair; to share their opinions and take part in class discussions and to resolve differences by looking at alternatives.

### **PE**

PE is timetabled for **Thursday** and **Friday** afternoons when we will be focusing on creative dance and indoor competitive games. Please make sure that your child has a complete kit including plimsoles or trainers.