# Year 2 Newsletter Lent Term 2020

## English

This term Year 2 will be looking at Traditional Tales from other cultures, including Australia; using their vivid imagination, your child will write their own version of a myth. They will research Australian animals and write a factsheet on their chosen animal.

They will also look at the features and format of information texts and apply this to their own writing. Following this, they will plan and write fantasy stories about mythical creatures. It would be great if you could have a discussion with your child about going on a journey somewhere. It doesn't have to be real, the more imaginative the better!

Please continue to read with your child at home each night and sign their reading records.

#### Science

Our first Science topic this term is 'Animals including humans'. We will be looking at lifecycles, for example the lifecycle of a frog/butterfly/human. This term we will cover our SRE program through Science. We will start by discussing the differences between males and females (both human and animal) and learn the correct terms for different body parts.

### **Maths**



This term the children will secure their knowledge of number facts and will be looking at calculating using multiplication and division. Please practise the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables at home with your child.

Later in the term we will be exploring fractions, including  $\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{2}{4}$  and  $\frac{3}{4}$ .

We will then look at mathematical movement, using mathematical vocabulary to describe position, direction and movement.

Finally, we will be studying measurements of space - length, mass, volume and capacity.

The children will have the opportunity to improve their mental arithmetic and times tables skills weekly.

## What a Wonderful World

Our first topic will be 'What a Wonderful World'. Within the topic the children will be learning about the continents, oceans and climates of different world locations, such as the Arctic and the tropics. The children will make comparisons between other climates and ours. If you have family or friends in other parts of the world, it would be lovely to receive any pictures or postcards showing the location and what the weather is like there.





#### Mad as a Hatter

Our second topic will be 'Mad as a Hatter'. We will be learning about the local area, the history of Luton and the Hat industry in the town. The topic learning will be linked across the curriculum and will conclude in our own Year 2 Mad as a Hatter tea party.

We will be decorating an Easter Bonnet, linked to our DT. Around this time please make sure that you provide your child with a hat or bonnet to decorate! These can be found for £1 in many shops around Easter time.