

Muck, Mess, Mixtures and Monsters. Year 2 Autumn 1

PE days – Monday and Thursday for 2CF

PE days – Wednesday and Thursday for 2F

Unlocking the learning

Unlocking the learning at home - It is really important that children have the opportunity to use what they learn in school at home. We may send some activities home from time to time.

Get reading - Reading at home is an **important** part of the curriculum but it is also important to develop a 'Love' of reading. Your child will come home with a reading book please spend 10 to 20 minutes a day sharing books together and write a comment in their home reading record.

Get exploring -Can you find out about different types of mixtures or recipes to create delicious meals?

Get creating - Follow instructions to make a delicious dish or drink. Can you create your own menu for a delicious dish and drink?

Maths

This half term, the children will be working on securing their number skills with a focus on bonds up to 20, place value of numbers and times tables for the 2, 5 and 10 tables. We shall be comparing numbers and ordering them.

We shall be working with standard units of measurement. What do objects weigh and the capacity of liquids.

Children will be problem solving using a range of skills and methods taught.

We shall also be revising shape names and properties.



Topic.

In Year 2 the children will be focusing on the topic 'Muck, Mess, Mixtures and Monsters.'

During Science we will be learning about different Materials and their properties. We will be creating material monsters out of paper, plastic, cardboard, fabric and wood. We will then be labelling our monsters using vocabulary already collected.

As part of our Muck, Mess, Mixtures and Monsters topic we will be investigating how materials react when mixed together. We will be carrying out lots of different experiments where we can focus on predicting and evaluating what happened.

Please ensure:

Your child has their PE kit in school - it is important for children to take part in PE every week. If they do not have their PE kit then your child will receive a letter home asking you to provide them with suitable clothing.

English. We will be reading *The Monster Machine* and *The Disgusting Sandwich*.

During English this half term we will begin to write in different forms such as stories, lists, labels and writing up any science investigations. The children will use an increasing range of conjunctions to extend ideas in their writing. We shall continue to explore and develop our use of adjectives, nouns and verbs to write effectively. Children will also be using a range of punctuation in their sentence writing for example capital letters, full-stops, question marks and exclamation marks. There is a high focus on spelling where we will work with children to use their phonic knowledge to spell a range of words accurately. Word lists will come home during parents' evening.

DURING THIS TOPIC WE WILL BE USING FOOD TO CREATE DELICIOUS DISHES OR POTIONS. IF YOUR CHILD HAS A FOOD ALLERGY THEN PLEASE ALERT US IMMEDIATELY OF THIS. MANY THANKS.