



## Year 2 Curriculum information

Week Beginning: 12 April 2018

Dear Parents

The children seemed excited to return to school and have settled back in quickly after what we hope was a lovely Easter holiday. We enjoyed sharing our Easter news and getting excited about some of the things we will be doing this half term. We are all looking forward to learning about habitats this half term and are hoping to look at owl pellets after our trip to Pensthorpe. If anyone has any owl pellets that they would be willing to donate to us for our dissections, we would be very thankful.

In assembly this week, Mrs Harries presented many skiing medals which children had earned over the holidays and talked to the children about the star in the centre of the apple. She talked about how we can choose each day whether to be a 'star in our core' and how this means making the choice to be the best person you can be and being kind and thoughtful to others.

### **Literacy Lessons**

In our literacy lessons this week:

- The children enjoyed sharing their Easter holiday news and writing sentences using past tense verbs.
- We have begun to read the story of *Esio Trot*, a Roald Dahl story that links to our English topic of tortoises and other animals this half term.
- We have also looked at contracted words, words with apostrophes to show omissions, such as 'didn't'. This will be the focus of our sentence building work next week.
- In our guided reading sessions, we read the story of *The Hare and the Tortoise* and all thought carefully about the moral of the story.

### **Maths lessons**

- We have recapped work from last half term, including times tables work and fractions knowledge ready to start our new topics next week.

### **In other lessons**

- In art lessons, we continued our focus of tortoises and sketched pictures, thinking carefully about patterns on their shell.
- We then made tortoises from clay and carefully used clay tools to recreate these patterns.
- In topic, we discussed our habitats topic and began to talk about the different habitats we could name and the animals that may live there.

**Over the weekend:**

- Please continue to read with your child and remember to enjoy a range of texts together.

**Dates for your diary:**

**Thursday 17 May – 9.30 am – 3.00pm:** Year 2 trip to Pensthorpe Natural Park

**Thursday 24 May:** End of the first half of term

**Friday 25 May:** School closed – INSET staff training day

**Monday 18 June – 2.15 pm:** Year 2 Sports Day on the front lawn

**Wednesday 27 June:** School closed – Norfolk Show day

**Thursday 28 June – 2.00pm - 3.00pm:** Year 2 Concert in the Read Hall with refreshments available in the Read Hall from 1.30pm

**Wednesday 11 July – 9.30am – 2.00pm:** Year 2 trip to Winterton Beach

With best wishes for a relaxing weekend with your children.

Mrs Hayes, Mrs Lawry, Miss Shepherd and Mrs Harries

*Melanie Harries*