

## Happy New Year!

A belated Happy New Year to you! We hope you all enjoyed the festive season and we would like to thank you for all your good wishes, cards and gifts leading up to Christmas. This leaflet is to give you some idea of the topics we will be covering this term and to remind you of continuing activities.

### PE lessons

These are on Tuesdays and Fridays. If your child normally wears earrings, please make sure that they are removed on these two days. Please make sure your child's pumps still fit them

### Contact

Unfortunately, we are still unable to hold our open afternoons.

If you need to contact us, email us at:

[y2@walsden.calderdale.sch.uk](mailto:y2@walsden.calderdale.sch.uk)

Or ring school to make an appointment for a phone call.

## At Home

### Reading:

Your child will continue to bring a reading book home every night. As well as hearing them read, please ask your child a few questions about the text to check their understanding. This term, please also include "Why do you think ...?" questions to challenge them further. As the reading books get longer, please enjoy the books over a couple of days rather than rushing through them in one session.

### Spellings:

Your child will continue to bring home six spellings every Friday. Please copy them and return the book to school on the Monday. The test will be on the Thursday.

### Handwriting:

Children will be given handwriting homework every week.

### Topic:

Watch out for the new home project challenge for you to enjoy with your children.

## Walking with Dinosaurs!

This term, our topic will include learning about the history of dinosaurs, where they lived and about finding dinosaur fossils. We will learn about the famous British fossil hunter, Mary Anning.



In science we will be learning more about animals, categorising them as reptiles, mammals etc. We will discuss how baby animals change as they grow, including us! We will also find about lifecycles and the food chain.

In Art and DT lessons we will study texture and learn more about making 3D models. We will try and make a dinosaur!

Why do animals become extinct?

## English

In our literacy lessons this term we will be reading adventure stories involving dinosaurs and making up similar stories of our own.

We will also be working on:

- writing different genres, including poetry and non-chronological reports
- using capital letters and full stops consistently
- using exclamation marks, question marks and speech marks
- recognising and using nouns and noun phrases
- understanding verbs and using the correct tenses
- continuing to improve our joined handwriting
- using our knowledge of spelling patterns to write more independently

We will also be reading in class every day, independently or in groups.

## Mathematics

Our maths this term will include both practical and written activities. We will be working on:



- the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication & division
- statistics, including graphs and pictograms
- the properties of 2D and 3D shapes
- the 10X, 2X & 5X tables, including division facts
- money maths
- measure and capacity
- fractions: halves, quarters and thirds

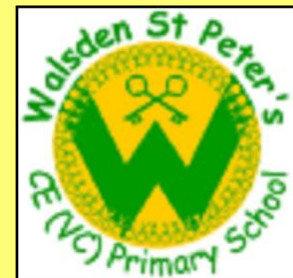
We will continue to use lots of equipment to help us learn.

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**Year Two**

**Spring 2021**



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