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Dear parents/carers and our lovely year 2 pupils,

We hope you have had a lovely half term and have enjoyed the lovely weather we have been having. Once again we wanted to say how proud we were of all of you, we have loved seeing all the amazing work you have been doing. We are really missing seeing you all and hope you are all continuing to keep safe and well. We are hoping to arrange another zoom call for Friday 5th June so we can all catch up, so keep an eye on your Purple Mash emails.

We have put together the new knowledge organisers for this half term with tasks to be completed over the next few weeks. We will continue to update our class page weekly and we will continue to update Purple Mash tasks weekly for English and Maths. Please continue to check the class page for spellings and the weekly timetable of activities. Remember we are happy to answer any questions or help as much as we can so please do not hesitate to contact us on email if needed. It certainly would be lovely to hear from you. Please remember that you can share your amazing work on our Purple Mash blog and we shall continue to mark and authorise work on Purple Mash daily. Some of you have also been saving photographs of work or activities you have done at home in your work files on purple mash, which is great because we can give feedback on these too.

Here is an outline of our aims for year 2 for Summer Term 2:

Maths

We will continue to cover mental and written strategies for the four operations $(+-x \div)$ as well as revisiting fractions. For shape we will be naming and describing 2-D and 3-D shapes, including number of sides, vertices, edges, faces and lines of symmetry. Our measurement work will include reading scales in divisions of 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's. We are currently trying to focus on reading the clock to the nearest 5 minutes and making the same amount of money with different combinations of coins. We will also begin to look at more open ended, multi-step problems.

English

In English we will start this half term off with explanations and we are going to focus on the text 'Monster's: an owners guide'. We will read and explore the text, work on extending sentences using conjunctions and identify conjunctions that are used to explain. Children will learn how to use adjectives to create noun phrases. Children will then write their own guide.

We will be continuing to learn our weekly spellings and focus on grammar and handwriting over the coming weeks.

Science

Our topic this half term is 'Growing Plants' children will be investigating how flowering plants produce seeds and grow into new plants. Children will look at how plants grow from both seeds and bulbs and what happens to plants when they grow into mature plants. Children will be learning about what plants need to grow and survive.













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Geography

This half term our topic will be Geography. We will find out about the geography of The Isle of Coll/Struay through focusing on Katie Morag stories. We will research the main human and physical features of the Island. We will learn about the key geographical features of the Island, landscapes and culture and think about the similarities and differences between living on an Island and the main land, along with continuing to develop our geographical skills through a variety of fun and interactive activities. The children will also learn about maps and keys and design leaflets to persuade people to visit the Island of Coll.

PΕ

The children will be focusing on summer sports and athletics this half term. Please continue to have fun in an outdoor space, design an obstacle course, run races and play a ball game. If the children have been taking part in the Joe Wicks 9 am daily morning workout sessions please encourage them to continue this.

DT

This half term we will be concentrating on DT and creating model vehicles using a variety of wheels, axels and a chassis. Children will Research a range of different vehicles. They will look at key features of a vehicle such as the wheels, lights, windows etc. Children will need to think about how their vehicle can move smoothly and how the wheel axels turns successfully. They will then plan and design their own vehicle and test different components to see if the vehicle can move smoothly. Finally, they will evaluate their final product.

RE

This half terms focus for RE is 'Human responsibilities and values/ Ultimate questions, these two topics will interlink in terms of the world and responsibilities. We will be focusing on human responsibilities and values and what this means. Children will be looking at different religious stories to find examples that show humans taking responsibilities and showing their values. We shall look at Christians responsibilities and values and the responsibilities and values of Muslims. Towards the end of this topic we shall be looking at the creation story and the ultimate questions it poses.

Computing

We will continue with a weekly coding activity. As the children are using computers/I pads to complete their daily purple mash learning tasks, we feel they are constantly developing their typing and computing skills. Keep up the amazing work Beech class.













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PSHE

This half term we will be focusing on 'Relationships'. We will be thinking about relationships within our families and ones with friends. They will explore the importance of forming positive relationships, and how to help others feel included.

Music

This half terms unit is 'Reflect, rewind and replay'. This unit will consolidate all the learning that has taken place in music this year. Children will revisit songs and musical activities. They will look at the history of music and the beginnings of the language of music. Children will listen to classical music and continue to embed the foundations of the interrelated dimensions of music using voices and instruments. They will continue with singing and playing instruments within the song. This will continue to be put onto Charanga, I know there were a few problems with being able to see the set work on Charanga but this should be up and running properly now. Please do let me know if there are any other problems.

Useful Home Learning links

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z3g4d2p

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=joe+wicks

https://www.twinkl.co.uk/

We also have some more useful website links on our class page and will continue to add to it so please use this class pages as a resource too.

Please do not he sitate to contact us if needed by email - ahenderson@saunceywood.herts.sch.uk awheatley@saunceywood.herts.sch.uk

Stay safe and keep healthy and we look forward to catching up with you all on zoom.

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