

# Year 2 Newsletter

Just a few notes to keep you updated on what's happening in Year 2 over this half term.

## TOPIC – BEAUTIFUL BALDOCK

### RE and Humanities

In History we will be learning about the local legend of Jack o'Legs (a giant who supposedly lived in Weston). We will be walking in Baldock to look at some of the older buildings and learning about the changes that have taken place in the town since medieval times.

The children will also be learning to use simple field work and observational skills to create maps of Baldock.

In Computing the children will be learning basic programming and how to de-bug a programme if there are errors. This involves using the programmable toys (Beebots) and some online games.

During all Computing lessons, children are reminded how to keep safe on the Internet.

In RE, we will be learning about Special places for worship across different religions.

### Physical Education

Jupiter Class will have PE on Wednesdays (dance) and Saturn Class Thursdays (dance). Both classes will also do P.E. on Fridays (gymnastics).

### PSHE

The children will be learning about setting goals for themselves and what they need to do to achieve them.

### Mathematics

This term we will be focussing on number in greater detail. The children will be consolidating their knowledge and understanding of the four operations. We will continue to apply these skills to everyday situations with a particular focus on money. We will be sending home times tables to be learnt for a short, verbal test each week. Children will proceed through the tables individually and at their own speed.

Please could you support the children in learning these number facts.



## Beautiful Baldock

### Literacy

This term we will focus on stories with recurring language. They will be learning to write narratives with greater accuracy in punctuation and spelling. We will continue to use talk for writing, which will build on story language and structure. The role play area is based on Monster Creations where children will be designing, describing and writing their own monster stories. We will continue to send home weekly spellings and reading books for the children.

Please continue to listen to reading and write in the reading records.

### Art and Music

•In Art we will be looking at the work of Vincent van Gogh and in particular his 'Starry Night'. The children will then be painting their own pictures of Baldock in the style of van Gogh's 'Starry Night'.

•In Music, the children will be exploring sounds using a variety of tuned percussion instruments and the voice and then focusing on a keeping a steady beat.