

**Donaldson and Dr Seuss Class**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019**

## Welcome Back

We hope you enjoyed the Easter break. This week, we launched our new topic on 'Artists' with an Art Exploration morning, exploring new art techniques and looking at the work of different artists. Throughout the topic we will learn more about different artists whilst encouraging the children to develop their own skills. During the last week of this half term the children in year 2 will take their SATs, which are tests in reading, maths, spelling, grammar and punctuation. We do our best to make this experience as relaxed and fun for the children as possible and we know they are all fully prepared, but if you have questions, please come and ask. This term there will be a slight move around of teachers so Miss Richens will be in Donaldson on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday with Mrs Beardsley on Wednesdays. Dr Seuss Class will be taught by Miss Deacon on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Beardsley on Thursday and Friday.

### Art

We will be exploring the artwork and techniques used by Van Gogh, Monet and Andy Goldsworthy.

### Computing

We will be using our computing skills for researching artists, to record data in Science and to create digital art.

### RE

Through our topic of 'Why is our world special?' we will learn about creation and how to care for our world.

### P.E

Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school every Tuesday and year one children have their swimming kit every Friday.

### English

Children will receive daily phonics teaching in addition to shared, guided & individual reading. All pupils will also work on punctuation, grammar and handwriting. We will teach literacy (reading, writing, speaking & listening) through the following units.

- Fiction - Narrative, poetry.
- Non Fiction -Explanation texts, letters.

### Maths

The children will develop and secure their understanding of number through daily Maths Fun sessions. In lessons will focus further on the following units:

Year 1 - Division, Fractions, Time and Capacity

Year 2 - Fractions, Statistics, Money and Geometry

### Jigsaw

Our whole school topic is Relationships, and we will be thinking how to build positive relationships with others.

### Science

We will be learning about plants, recognising and naming common plants, naming parts of plants and understanding their purpose and investigating how plants grow.

### Music

Mrs Johnson will continue working with both classes, developing the children's musical knowledge, understanding and skills linked to our topic.

### At home

Helping your child with their spellings, keywords, number bonds and tables at home makes such a difference so please continue with this at home along with daily reading. This term we'll have a new reading challenge following the success of our Fab 40!