

February Newsletter 2010 Year 2.

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Dear parents,

This is our curriculum content for the month of February.

Language and Literacy

This month our literacy content will focus on the topic of owls.

We will be introducing this topic with a visit from Mike from 'The world of owls'.

The children will be reading information books on owls to help them with their story writing, cut and stick activities and cloze procedure.

Work will continue on blends and word families as this helps to build up your child's sight vocabulary – thus making them a more confident reader.

Mathematics and Numeracy

Our topic this month is time. Children will be learning to sequence the days of the week, and the months of the year in order. They will be revising o'clock and will be introduced to half past. Much work will be done reinforcing time as the children will draw their own clocks and record important times of the day – ie morning, lunch time, home time and bed time.

We will also be introducing complementary addition this month. For example –

$$1 + ? = 2$$

$$2 + ? = 3$$

We would ask you to continue working with your child on number bonds, doubles and near doubles.

World Around Us

Our topic this month is owls. We will begin this topic with a visit from Mike at 'World of Owls'. We will be studying the owl – it's habitat and it's young. Encourage your child to select books on this topic when visiting the library.

The Arts

In art the children will be creating pictures of owls using a variety of media- paper, feathers, wall paper etc.

We will be using instruments to compose and perform owl music.

In drama during ABL the children will be performing the 'Owl Babies' story using the puppet theatre.

P.D.M.U

During the month of February the children will be exploring the similarities and differences between themselves and others. Through story telling and activities they will realize that everyone has a special place in our school.

P.E

During this month we will continue to focus on Gymnastics with the help of simple apparatus the children will be shown how to jump and land safely and with confidence.

R.E

Our topic this month is special things and special places. Encourage your child to talk to you about their favourite times within the school day and at home.

Important Dates

School will be closed from Monday 15th February to 19th February inclusive.

Week beginning February 22nd all Year 2 in their class groups will visit Sinead McGurk Opticians to view her work at first hand.

Mrs Henry, Mrs Martin, Mrs Donnelly.