



Year 2 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term- September-December 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers

I can't tell you how lovely it has been to have a class full of lovely smiley faces this week! The children have coped brilliantly with our new routines and we are already so proud of them. As I am sure you are aware I only work 4 days a week- my teaching days are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. The children will have Mr Tanner on a Thursday. Mrs Milnes covers my PPA on a Friday afternoon. As usual if you have any worries or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to me on a morning on the playground or send me a message via class dojo.

We have lots of exciting and interesting topics planned for this term that I am sure the children will really enjoy. Here is an overview of what we will be doing.

Literacy

I am really excited to continue our writing journey this year with 'The Write Stuff.'

'The Write Stuff' really holds children's hands through the writing process so that it is accessible for all abilities. The focus is on getting a few amazing sentences that then build up to make a finished piece of writing. The children started this last year and I am looking forward to the amazing writing I am sure they will produce in Year 2.

Each unit is based around a book. We will be focussing on the following texts:

Little Red Reading Hood which we will use to write our own twist on a traditional tale.

Neil Armstrong- We will write a recount based on the astronaut Neil Armstrong.

The Marvellous Fluffy Itty Bitty- We will use this book to write our own adventure story.

Maths

We will be beginning the term by looking at the topic of place value. We will then move onto looking at the 4 calculations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division as well as money. The children will continue to do their minute maths every day and will follow on from where they were up to in Year 1. We will be doing lots of revision of Maths covered in Year 1 as well and will have a big focus on mental maths strategies during our daily Target Time sessions.

Science

In Science we will be looking firstly at the unit of Human Survival followed by Habitats after half term.

Geography/History/Art/DT/Music/Computing/PSHE

We will be looking at different people from History during our Movers and Shakers topic. These include Mary Anning, Captain Cook, Rosa Parks. Martin Luther King and Emmeline Pankhurst among others. We will learn about why they were significant people in History and what we can learn from them today.

In Geography the children will be looking at the unit of 'Let's Explore the World around us.' They will be learning how to use atlases and where countries are around the world.

In Art we will be looking at the unit of 'Mix it'. The children will learn how to mix colours as well as looking at shades and tints. After half term we will be looking at the unit of 'Still Life' and drawing some still life pictures.

In DT we will be learning about recipes and will be designing and making some food of our own!

In Music we are continuing with using Charanga. Our first unit is called Hands, Feet, Heart and our one after half term is called Ho Ho Ho.

In Computing we will begin with the unit 'IT around us' followed by 'Digital Photography.'

In PSHE we are use a scheme called Kapow. We will cover the same themes as previous years and will start with 'Relationships' and cover 'Keeping Safe' after half term.

RE

In RE our topic is going to be 'Why do we need to give thanks' followed by 'What do candles mean to people?'

PE

PE will continue to be every Monday. The children will need to wear PE kit to school on a **Monday**. Please dress them appropriately for the weather. We will start the year off by doing Invasion Games which will be followed by Dance after half term.

Homework

The children will receive homework **every Friday** which must be handed in by the following **Thursday**. They will receive one piece of maths homework every week. They may also receive topic based homework from time to time. The children will get spellings in their spelling books on a **Friday** that we expect them to practise for a test on the following **Friday**.

Reading at home

In Year 2 we request that children read at home a **minimum of 3 times per week**. Your child's reading record should be signed and dated so we know they have done this. This may be a full book or a few pages as long as they are reading something. I have a rewards system in place in class for those that read regularly at home so it would be great to have your support in this too as reading is so important. Children have the chance of earning a dojo if they read 3 or more times at home in a week. Children will also begin to bring a reading for pleasure book home alongside their school reading book. This is one that they won't necessarily be able to read themselves but one they might like to share with a grown up at home.

TA support

We are very lucky this year in that we have Mrs Scott working with us in class. She will be working all morning with the class as well as delivering interventions in an afternoon.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to send me a message via dojo or make an appointment via the school office if you wish to speak in person.

We will of course post updates and pictures on Class Dojo.

Many thanks in advance for your support in the term ahead!

Mrs Habberley, Mr Tanner and Mrs Scott.