

Year 2 Curriculum Report Summer Term 2024

Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s),

We hope you all had a wonderful break and are ready for the busy and exciting new term!

This term will be packed with lots of learning, so it is vital that your child is in school **every day** and arrives **at 9:00**. Please remember that only essential items should be brought into school, for example: PATCH folder, water bottle and packed lunch.



In English, we have daily handwriting activities, practising the 'Continuous Cursive' style as well as daily 'Read Write Inc' phonics sessions. We have a period of quiet guided reading each day, during which the class teacher will hear children read. During English lessons this term, Year 2 will explore the story of the 'Highway Rat' and create fictional pieces of writing. The children will be developing their skills to write narratives based on personal experiences and the experiences of others (real and fictional). We will be reading a range of books during class story times, with an aim to enhance the children's language skills, subject knowledge and a love for reading.



You can help your child to improve in literacy by talking to them about the book that they are reading. Check they understand and can order the main events in stories they read at home. The children will need to bring in their PATCH folder every day. To encourage independence, most children will change their own books on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. However, your child will still need to bring in their PATCH folder **every day** so please read every night with your child and make sure that they practise reading and spelling the high frequency words.

In Maths, the children will be developing their mathematical concepts and skills. Year 2 will continue to use the whole school 'Maths Mastery' approach to teaching, with a focus this term on time, fractions, adding two-digit numbers, shape and recognising money. It is important that children learn how to apply their knowledge in real life situations. For instance, when shopping, encourage your child to work out how much items cost, what is the difference in price between two items, how much several would cost and so on. At home, share the cooking with your child showing them how to measure using scales and jugs. When watching television, discuss programme times and how long their favourite show lasts.



To begin this half term, we will be focusing on fire safety, how to be a good friend and e-safety. Please talk to your child about the importance of keeping safe online and remind them of their trusted adults at home and at school.



In Science, we are looking at 'Living things'. This includes animals and plants. The children will be exploring different habitats and learning how animals are adapted to suit their different environments. The children will be understanding the relationship between the animals and their position within the food chain. We will continue using the five scientific skills to ensure that the children are developing their science knowledge and enquiry skills.

In computing children will use technology purposefully to take photographs and understand what makes a good photographer. The children will be taking pictures of various objects, surroundings and people. There will be a special focus on what is real and what is fake online. We will continue to ensure that technology is used safely and respectfully in Year 2.



In Geography we will be learning about life in Kenya and will be comparing life in Kenya to the life in the UK. Within this topic children will be looking at the physical world and understand how a country's location

effects its climates. We plan to set up a pen pal friend from Kenya that children can write to and receive insight of their life in Kenya. We will be taking the children outdoors to enrich and support their geography learning.

In art we will be using our science knowledge of habitats to create ink paintings. The children will use their observational skills to sketch out animals such as fishes and animals that can be found in Kenya. The children will be using a variety of mediums to bring their work to life. Our art lessons will be very messy therefore on art days please ensure your child is not wearing something special to them!

In Music, they will be listening and responding to a wide variety of genres of music including 'Night Ferry' by Anna Clyne, 'Bolero' by Ravel, 'Hound Dog' by Elvis Presley and 'With a little help from my friends' by the Beatles as well as attending singing assemblies with Juwon.

Year 2 will be continuing with the three Abrahamic religions in R.E. We will be looking at sacred books (the Bible, the Torah and the Quran) and why they are so important to their believers. We will be covering respecting rights which links to our PSHE sessions. As always, we will focus and encourage kindness and have class discussions about what makes a good friend.

P.E. is on Tuesday mornings, so please make sure that your child is wearing their P.E. kit and trainers or plimsolls. This term Year 2 will be developing their flexibility, technique, control and balance through using their bodies as creative tools making shapes individually and in groups. Children will explore different ways of travelling involving jumping and landing.

Homework will be set on Seesaw on Tuesday's. It should be completed by Tuesday morning, ready to be looked at by the teacher. We will also send home spellings, please spend some time with your child to practise these. If you have any questions about routines or the curriculum, or any concerns about your child, then please do not hesitate to make an appointment to speak to the class teacher.

Kind Regards,

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