

Year 2 Curriculum Letter - Spring Term

January 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you had a relaxing break. As your children settle back in to Year 2 this term we would like to share with you some of the exciting lessons and activities they will be taking part in this term.

English - To begin with, we will be learning the story *The Papaya That Spoke*, which uses repeating patterns and language. We will also be focusing on writing a non-fiction text about *How to Catch a Witch*. The children will continue working on their handwriting, spelling, proof reading and editing to improve their work.

Phonics and Reading - The children will continue to participate in a daily phonics (Read Write Inc.) or guided reading session. Children are heard reading at school during RWI sessions and may also read individually to adults when possible. We are focusing on developing the children's comprehension skills, using VIPERS. Please listen to your child read as often as you can and ask them questions about the book to improve their reading and comprehension.

Mathematics - The children are enjoying our approach to Maths and they used lots of different resources in their maths work last term. This same approach of using resources to work out problems and understand methods will continue this term. We will continue to look at a lot of number work but will also look at statistics, addition and subtraction including problem solving, geometry and multiplication.

Science - Our topic for Science this term is animals and habitats. We will look at what different animals and plants need to survive. We will investigate some microhabitats and also look at how animals and plants depend on each other in the context of food chains.

After half term, we will be visiting Whipsnade Zoo, where the children can put some of their learning about animals and habitats into practice.

Topic - Our main focus topic this half term is History, where we will be looking at Famous People in the past. We will be learning about Rosa Parks and her important role in fighting for equality in America. We will also learn about Emily

Davison and her work in getting the vote for women in Britain and Florence Nightingale and how she reformed nursing.

Art and Design and Technology - This term we will be focusing on Design and Technology. We will be completing different units of work, focusing on developing a range of knowledge and skills, from sewing and food preparation to creating sculptures.

P.E. - Year 2 P.E. sessions will continue to be on Tuesday and Thursday. Children should wear their PE kit to school on these days, including suitable outdoor clothing and footwear. Please ensure that ALL items of clothing are labelled with your child's name, anything not labelled may not be returned to you.

Homework - We will continue to set two pieces of homework each week, focusing on reading/phonics and Maths. Every week, your child is expected to read or follow their learning from Read, Write, Inc. In addition to this, they will have 1 piece of Maths homework which will alternate between online home learning and home learning in an exercise book. This learning will be relevant to the learning they are doing in school. Please also encourage your child to use TTRockStars to practice times tables at home.

If you would like any further information about what the children are learning this term please see the curriculum map and knowledge organisers on the school website.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

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