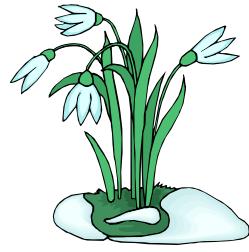


Year Two Curriculum Letter

Summer Term 2018



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back, we hope that you had a lovely Easter break. This letter will outline the topics and what will be happening in Year Two this term.

Staff

The teachers who work in Year Two are Miss Wood and Mr Smith. Year Two is supported by Mrs Henson and Mr Robinson. Mrs Beaumont and Dan Fowler typically cover our planning and release time.

Curriculum

Here is an outline of the topics that we will be covering over the term. This half term we will be looking at 'How to become school gardener of the year.' We will be looking at how food is grown and the journey from 'plough to plate'. We will also be looking at how plants help us in different ways.

After the May break we will go on to look at China, where we will be investigating what life is like for a seven year old growing up in China.

English - Our English work links with our topics. We will be exploring a book set in Kenya called, Lila and the secret of Rain, writing a range of pieces around the characters and setting.

After the May half-term break we will use China as stimulus for our English work. The children will write instructional texts and create a non-fiction booklet about life in China.

Maths - Where possible the mathematical learning will be linked to the topics. The children will be building on their knowledge of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and will apply these skills to solve word problems. They will continue to develop their understanding of time, money and measure and also the properties of 2d and 3d shapes. We will then apply these skills to problem solving, using reasoning to explain patterns.

Computing - This term the children will gain an understanding of programming and algorithms through 'We are programmers'. The children will also develop their problem solving skills in the topic 'We are 'game testers'.

Science - This term the children will be learning about plants and their vital role in the world. The children will also be scientific inventors looking at how different inventions from the past have shaped our present lives. They will also have an opportunity to create new inventions fit for a chosen purpose.

Geography/History - As part of our topic the children will explore how food production has changed to accommodate our growing population and how their food gets to the shelves in the supermarket. Through the China topic the children will look at the location, human and physical features of China and its climate.

RE and PHSE - The children will look at the Islamic faith and why the Qur'an is an important text for Muslims. We continue to have a weekly Circle Time which will look at the SEAL topics of Relationships and Changes.

Through Circle Time we will continue to think about good behaviour for learning, good manners, listening to others and how work should always be neatly presented in books.

Music, Art and Design - The children will create a new piece of gardening equipment and create an advertising campaign around their product. We also look at traditional Chinese art work and practise different techniques. In Music the children will explore music from around the world and compose their own pieces of music.

PE - The children will be learning gym and games skills. Children need a full **NAMED** PE kit in school **every day**. They need shorts and t-shirt for indoor PE and jogging trousers, trainers and a jumper for outdoor PE. **PE will be on Monday and Wednesday.** It is vital that ALL children have the correct kit in school, as it impacts on lesson time when we have to search around for spare kit.

Homework

A new homework grid will be sent out this week. Please let your child's teacher know if you don't receive one. The deadline for this half term is the week beginning 21st May. The homework follows the same structure as last term. There is a basket in each classroom where finished homework can be placed and Miss Wood and Mr Smith check the basket regularly. A certificate is given to children who achieve the total points and we will follow up on any missing homework.

Reading and School Library

Children in Year Two visit the school library regularly. Please remember to send any old library books back into school.

Spellings

Children receive spellings each Friday. Please let your child's teacher know if their copy has gone astray. We now keep some spares in our homework baskets so you can pick a new one up if you need it!

SATs

As usual at this time of year, the children in Year 2 will be completing the KS1 assessments. The information that they will be assessed on has been covered in school. However, continuing with daily reading, spelling practise and general arithmetic questions such as times tables and number bonds are always beneficial if you wish to support them further at home.

We will be holding a SATs information evening on Thursday 26th April at 3:30pm until 4pm, for you to look at examples of the test, ask any questions and learn about the format of the test.

Many thanks

Year Two Team