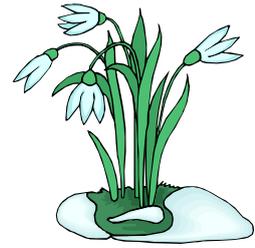


Year Two Curriculum Letter

Summer Term 2019



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 Miss Hutchinson. Year Two is supported by Miss Icton and Mrs Smith. On a Friday afternoon the children will have an enrichment afternoon, which will be covered by Mr Newton, a gymnastics coach and Madame Vardy who will deliver French.

### **Curriculum**

Here is an outline of the topics that we will be covering over the term. This half term we will be looking at animals, habitats and food chains.

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 called Leaf which is about a Polar Bear and his journey home. The children will be writing a range of pieces around this book, including facts files and planning a story.

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 develop their problem solving skills in the topic 'We are 'game testers'. The children will use the internet to research about life in China.

**Science** - This term the children will be learning about animals and different food chains. The children will also be learning how to be better scientists, planning a range of investigations and developing their skills.

**Geography/History** - As part of our topic the children will explore how transport has changed through time and how we can use this information to help the character of Leaf on his journey home. 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 use a range of fabric pens and paint to create a tie dye square for our animal collage. 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 athletics 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 Wednesday and Friday**. **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 20th 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 Miss Hutchinson 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.

## 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.

Thank you to those adults who attended the SATs information evening last half term. If you were unable to attend and have any questions around SATs please feel free to catch a member of the year 2 team.

Many thanks

Year Two Team