

Year 2 Curriculum Letter

Autumn Term - 2022/2023

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Welcome

The children have settled into Year Two fantastically and have been impressing their teachers with their enthusiasm and attitude to learning.

They enjoyed exploring the book "Here We Are" during their first week back. The book inspired them to write postcards to aliens explaining all the fun things they could do on Earth.

This letter gives you an overview of what to expect from the Autumn term, including details of the curriculum.

Mrs Gill (Year Lead), Mrs Nolan and Mrs Merkelbach (Year 2 team)

English

We will learn how to write a character description and a set of instructions. The skills we will develop are:

- Using a variety of describing words
- Using a variety of conjunctions (and, but, so)
- Using the correct punctuation with emphasis on capital letters and full stops.

Our grammar focus will be learning how to use a variety of conjunctions and how to identify different sentence types.

In spelling we will review words from the Year 1 curriculum and then learn a variety of Year 2 rules. These will be explained in our homework sheets.

Reading will focus on learning how to understand a text and retrieve answers from it.

How can parent/Carers help?

Please read with your child every day, complete weekly homework and help your child to practise the weekly spellings.

Mathematics

In our Maths lessons we will be developing our mathematical skills, reasoning and problem solving through the topics of:

In the first half term: place and value and numbers to 100.

In the second half term: addition and subtraction .

In Arithmetic lessons, we will learn a range of methods to solve various addition, subtraction, multiplication and division number problems.

In our times table lessons, we will learn and practise the 10 times tables.

How can parent/Carers help?

Practise times tables and complete weekly maths homework.

Foundation Subjects

History – The children will be learning about Lady Godiva and how she helped the poor people of Coventry in the Anglo-Saxon times.

Geography- We will be learning about the four countries within the United Kingdom and identifying human and physical features.

Science – The children will be learning about materials.

Computing- This term the pupils will be studying Digital Literacy. As part of this unit pupils will learn how to use technology respectfully and learn how to keep personal information private.

Art – The children will start the year developing their drawing skills, using different media to create observational drawings. They will develop their composition skills by creating a collage of their drawings in a final outcome. The children will then explore how painters sometimes use paint in an expressive and gestural way. They will explore colour mixing and experimental mark making to create abstract still lifes.

RE – In RE, we will be exploring the question "Who is a Muslim and what do they believe?"

Relationships and Health Education

In the first half term, we will be learning about feelings through the topic Being me in the World. In the second half term, we will focus on staying healthy.

PE

Our PE days are: Thursdays and Fridays.

1st half term: Throwing, catching and team building.

2nd half term – Agility & inventing games.

Homework and Reading

Please practise times tables.

Read, Read, Read!

We expect children to try and read every day but at least 5 times per week. Please sign your child's diary each time. They will be able to change their books daily if they have read.

Homework date: Thursdays.