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Class 2 Curriculum Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

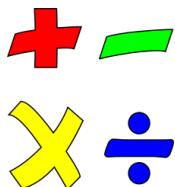
Welcome back to our new school year. This curriculum newsletter will give you an outline of what your child will be covering in class 2 throughout the autumn term. If you have any artefacts or resources that would help to enhance or support our curriculum then please come and let us know. If you or anyone you know could come in to talk to the children and share experiences and expertise then we would love to hear from you.

ENGLISH



This term in our English lessons the children will be exploring a wide variety of texts focusing on report writing, diary entries, non-fiction writing and well as story writing. Within our lessons the children will be developing their writing skills through exploring a range of grammatical features that are specific to that piece of writing using our sentence tool kit. As well as developing writing, the children will be developing their letter formation skills through daily handwriting practice. We will also continue with daily guided reading sessions and the children will be taught how to use their inference and deduction skills to ask and answer questions from the shared text.

MATHEMATICS



Our daily maths session will include twenty minutes of developing fluency, were we will explore making links with known facts. Every Friday the children will have a times tables challenge to enable them to quickly recall facts, children in year 3 and 4 will need to know their 2,3,4,5, 8 and 10 with children in year 5 and 6 knowing all their tables to 12. Our focus this term will explore place value, ordering and rounding numbers. We will then use the skills that we have learnt to begin to investigate addition and subtraction techniques to solve problems. Throughout our lessons we will be expecting the children to demonstrate their understanding in a variety of ways. As well as problem solving the children will be developing their ability to draw and explain their reasoning about their answers and solutions.

SCIENCE



Our topic this term is day and night. The children will be looking at the position of the Earth in relation to the rest of the planets. We will also be looking at how and why we have seasons and how the Earth rotates around the sun. This will link with our topic of 'Where in the World Are We?' as the children will look at weather and time differences throughout countries around the world.

TOPIC (HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY)



Throughout our topic learning the children will be taught about the 7 continents of the world. We will investigate different countries throughout the world, making comparisons with our own lives. We will also be looking at famous landmarks within the UK as well as exploring landmarks throughout the world.

ART/DT



Our weekly art lessons will allow the children the opportunity to explore artists from around the world. We hope that the children will enjoy experimenting with a range of tools and equipment to create their own masterpieces. Our DT project will be designing and creating our own landmark for a country of our choice.

MUSIC

Linked with our topic learning this half term, the children will be looking at a range of music from around the world. We will explore different artists and performers and listen to and learn a range of songs from around the world.

PE



Our PE lessons take place every **WEDNESDAY** in school. Please could you ensure that your child comes to school with a PE kit (plain white t shirt, navy/black shorts and trainers). This term we have an experienced dance teacher who will be teaching the children some traditional dances from around the world on **FRIDAYS**. The children in class 2 will also be swimming every **MONDAY** afternoon. Please ensure that you child brings their swimming costume/shorts and a towel to school. They can also bring a snack to school to eat when we return from swimming.

HOME LEARNING



Home learning will be sent home each **FRIDAY** and should be returned to school on **TUESDAY**. Your child will receive 5 spellings each week from the year 3 / 4 or year 5 / 6 spelling lists. The need to practice how to spell these words using the range of techniques we have used in class,

they also need to put these words in sentences to show an understanding of their meaning. They will also have a maths activity to complete based on the learning we have covered in class that week. It is important that they bring their home learning into school on Tuesday, as we will take time within our maths lesson to correct it together and go through any misconceptions.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



In our religious education lessons in class 2 we will focus on the creation story and how Christians believe that God created the world. The children will begin to understand how God cares for the world and how we, as Christians, try to listen to God and look after the world in the way he intended. We will look at the Ten Commandments and how these help us to create and keep a good relationship with God. The children will be taking part in daily worships.

TRIP/ VISITORS



We will be planning a range of trips and visitors to come into school this term to enhance the development of our curriculum. We will inform you about these nearer the time.

If you have any questions or would like to speak to me about the curriculum, please do not hesitate to book an appointment with Hannah in the office.

Mrs Cook