

# Year 2 Curriculum Letter – Spring 1 2024

Happy New Year! This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead. If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes, Year 2 Team

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Earth Class – Leena George, Kerry and Juliette

## Topic

This term children will be focusing on 'Pirates'. We will discover who the great explorers of the sea were and which seas they travelled in our geography topic this term. Year 2 will learn about the famous female pirates and also use aerial photographs to recognise landmarks and then design their own treasure map. We will also be visiting a real pirate ship to really experience day to day life as a pirate.

## English (reading and writing)

In English Year 2 will be building on their literacy skills learnt last term as they explore the text 'the Journey Home.' The text explores issues of conservation and starts to explore whether we can escape the issues that endangered animals face on a day-to-day basis. Children create fact files on endangered animals as well as writing short persuasive pieces on why we need to save a particular endangered animal. Children will be able to identify how a sentence is formed by its grammatical structure as a question, a command, a statement or an exclamation.

During reading sessions the children will either read with a teacher or TA 1:1 and take part in a guided reading group. Year 2 will develop skills such as making inferences, clarifying and making links between different texts. We will be continuing our Reading for pleasure session with parents on Monday mornings between 3-3:30.

## Maths

In Year 2 the children will be learning about money, multiplication and division. Children will work on recognising various coins and notes as well as using different money to make the same amount. As well as applying their knowledge of number composition. In multiplication and division we will look at creating arrays, making equal groups and learning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s.

## Science

For science this half term, we will be looking at Living Things and their Habitats. Children will be learning investigation if things are living, dead or have never been alive; where living things live; how to identify plants and animals and what animals eat. We will also complete one lesson on seasons with a focus on Winter.

## Music

The children we been continuing their weekly Music lessons with a specialist Music teacher. KS1 will continue to identify high and low notes while creating their own rhythms and exploring different musical instruments. We will be learning a variety of songs and practice them.

## Art/DI

Art and DT will be taught through our Topic and Science. Through our D.T. lessons children will be develop clear design to create a structure of a pirate ship. Children will understand how wheels stop and start and then design and build their own moving boat.

## P.E.

The children will receive two P.E. sessions a week – once with a specialist P.E. coach from the London P.E. network and once with their class teachers. This half term we will focus on Dance. Please make sure PE kits are brought into to school on **Monday** and they will be taken home on a **Friday**. Throughout the school year pupils will have opportunities to take part in other specialist sessions like dance and yoga which will be at different time to their PE day so please always have their Kits in school. P.E. will take place on the following days:

**Mars – Monday and Wednesday; Earth – Mondays and Thursdays.**

## R.E.

The children will be finding out What the teachings of the special books are. Year 2 will reflect on the reasons why some books are special and learn about the important place of books in religious traditions. They will also learn why holy books are special and explore how people's attitudes to these books are shown in the way they treat them.

## Key Dates

### Year 2

**9:00 - 9:30** - Phonics/ Reading Groups

**9:30 - 10:20** -English/Maths

**10:20 -10:40** - Break

**10:40 - 11.00-** Phonics/ Reading Groups

**11.00- 12:00** - Maths/English

**12:00 - 13:00** - LUNCH

**13:00 - 13:30** - Handwriting

**13:30 - 15:00** - Topic/Science/Computing/P.E/Art/PSHE

**15:00 - 15:30:** Story, Pupil of the day and Ready for home.

*Assembly takes place on Monday Morning and Friday mornings. Separate assemblies may take place to mark special events or occasions in the school calendar.*

**15<sup>th</sup> January** - Parents Reading for Pleasure sessions (Mondays 3 - 3:30) starts.

**27<sup>th</sup> January** - Holocaust Memorial Day

**28<sup>th</sup> January** - National Story Telling Week

**2<sup>nd</sup> February**- Number Day

**5<sup>th</sup> February** - Mental Health Week

**6<sup>th</sup> February**- Safer Internet Day

**7<sup>th</sup> February** - Chinese New Year

**8<sup>th</sup> February**- DT Cooking Day

**9<sup>th</sup> February** - Tutorial Day

**12<sup>th</sup> February - 16<sup>th</sup> February**- Half Term