

Year 2 Curriculum Letter – Summer 1 2024

Happy New Term! 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

Mars Class - Daniella Barnett, Kerry and Grace
Earth Class - Leena George, Kerry and Juliette

Topic

This term children will be focusing on 'How life has changed at the seaside'. Pupils should be taught how to use photos and clues to find out and research what seaside holidays were like in the past and compare them to seaside holidays now. We will complete our research and show our findings through an exciting topic write of a diary entry of a child in the Victorian age of what a day would look like as a child, and the excitement of going to the seaside.

English (reading and writing)

In English Year 2 will be building on their literacy skills learnt last term as they explore the text 'The Dragon Machine'. The children be developing their vocabulary throughout these units. We will be learning how to use prepositions, the suffixes -ment and -ness, the prefix -un and planning and writing their own version of the story. During reading sessions, the children will either read with a teacher or TA 1:1 or take part in a guided reading group. Year 2 will focus on a whole class text (such as 'Too small Tola') develop skills such as making inferences, clarifying and making links between different texts. Year 2 will develop skills such as making inferences, clarifying and making links between different texts. All children will receive daily phonics sessions or spelling lessons. 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 fractions, then moving onto time. Children will be learning about parts and wholes and understanding what is meant by equal/unequal groups. From here, they will focus on recognising the written formation of fractions and how to identify them in everyday objects. In time, the children will learn how to tell and write the time to five minutes, including quarter past/to the hour and draw the hands on a clockface to show these times.

Science

For science this half term, we will be looking at plants. Children will learn about how seeds have all the necessary parts inside for plants to grow. They will also be to recognise what conditions are necessary for healthy plants to grow, through observation and investigation. This will lead to plant diaries that will sequence the stages of a plant's life cycle.

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. Children will learn to use a range of materials creatively to design and make products. This will involve using drawing, painting and sculpture to develop and share their ideas, experiences and imagination

P.E.

The children will receive two P.E. sessions a week with a specialist P.E. coach from the London P.E. network This half term we will focus on Cricket. 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 Friday; Earth – Mondays and Wednesday.

R.E.

In Year 2 children will be taught to recall and comprehend knowledge about a range of religions In this Unit will we explore and learn about how the world was created. The children will learn about creation stories and beliefs in different religions as well as explore beliefs and their own views about how the world has come to be.

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.

Parents Reading for Pleasure sessions (Mondays 3 - 3:30)

23rd April - St George's Day

6th May - May Bank Holiday

6th May-10th May - Deaf Awareness Week

13th May - National Walk to School Week

21st May - Class Photos

27th-31st May - Half Term Holiday