

Curriculum Letter for Year 2 - Autumn Term 2 2023

General Information

Welcome back, we hope you all had a lovely break we have heard so much about the holidays from all the children. This term we will be very busy focusing our attention on History, D&T and Computing and of course rehearsing for our Year 2 Nativity Show which will be on Wednesday 13th December!

Curriculum

Maths: This half term the children will improve their measuring skills, estimating and measuring accurately in metres and centimeters. They will represent and interpret block charts, pictograms and tables as well as using tally charts to collect data. Finally, they will explore multiplication and division through arrays, connecting multiplication and division facts using commutativity and inverse.

English: This half term we will continue to use the 'Literacy Tree' scheme as a basis for our written work. We have begun our work with the text '*Toys in Space*' by Mini Grey, a story about some toys left out in the garden one night and the adventure they have in space. The children will complete writing tasks including giving advice, planning a party, writing invitations, recording a space log and describing their own fantasy setting. This unit will be followed by one based around the text, '*The Great Fire of London*' by Emma Adams and James Weston Lewis which will also support and consolidate our learning in History.

Science: Our unit this half term is *Materials Monster!*. We will be identifying and comparing the suitability of different everyday materials for particular uses and finding out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.

History: This half term we will be finding out all about why bonfire night is still celebrated more than 400 years later. The children will have their say on whether Guy Fawkes should be seen as a hero or a villain and they will learn all about what was planned on 5th November 1605. We will also become experts on The Great Fire of London, understanding how different sources from the past, including Samuel Pepys diary, help us to understand what happened and to discuss whether it changed London for the better!

D&T: Our first unit this year will be creating a design criteria for a moving monster and designing and making our moving monster by cutting and assembling the components neatly, using levers, linkages and pivots for our mechanism.

Computing: This half term we will be using the iPads to develop our programming and coding skills using Scratch Junior.

Music: Our music unit this half term will be learning our Christmas Nativity songs, look out for the song words on Teams over the next few weeks.

RE: Our learning starts with the importance of Remembrance Day, we then find out all about the story of St. Andrew's Day and why he became the patron Saint of Scotland. Finally, in the lead up to the festive season we discuss how the symbol of light helps us to understand the meaning of Christmas for Christians.

PSHE: This term our PSHE lessons will be focused on Citizenship. We will learn all about why we have rules and how they are different at school, in the community and at home. We will also think about our local environment and discuss different job roles. We will give our own opinions, listen to others and reflect on how these roles and rules affect our life in the community.

With God's love, we live, learn and grow together



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Class Reads: As well as our texts linked to English we will be reading *'The Twits'* by Roald Dahl.

PE Days

Outdoor PE is timetabled for Tuesdays with Coach Romaine. All children must wear their PE kits to school. We also have indoor PE on Wednesdays. Indoor PE kits stay in school.

Reading

Thank you for all your help supporting the children with their reading. This term we will continue to read with each child at school and we will also move onto more structured guided reading sessions. These will be whole class based and we will focus on our fluency and understanding of a text and look at some of the key skills needed to help us answer comprehension questions. Please carry on your own questioning at home to support this.

Reading aloud is so very important at home and we will continue to send home either an E-book or they will choose an appropriate colour banded book to read to you. Please put a note in the reading record to let us know how your child is getting on with this book. *A sharing book, which is chosen by the child, will go home in a reading wallet on a Thursday. Please return any books sent home by the following Tuesday.*

Homework

Please check Microsoft Teams every Friday as this is where homework will be explained. Homework is due in by the following Wednesday. This could include tasks set on MyMaths or Purple Mash – this will be indicated on Teams.

Our Knowledge Organisers are available in Teams under 'Files' so please use this to help support your child's learning in school at home, too. They are a great way to start conversations about what we are doing at school each week.

Key Dates and Events

13 th November	Odd Socks Day as part of Anti Bullying Week
14 th November	Parents' meetings
16 th November	Parents' meetings
24 th November	PTA Christmas Cracker after school
28 th November	Flu spray immunisation
8 th December	Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children
8 th December	Christmas school lunch
13 th December	Christmas Recital performances 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
20 th December	End of term 2:00 p.m.
8 th January	Start of Spring term