



## Curriculum Letter Year 2 – Summer Term 1 2024

### General Information

Welcome back everyone, we hope you all had a lovely Easter break. The children having been sharing their holiday news and are ready for more learning and some summer sunshine in the weeks ahead!

### Curriculum

**Maths:** We begin this term by continuing our unit on faces, shapes and patterns, lines and turns and the children are broadening their mathematical vocabulary. We will then move on to numbers within 1,000, revisiting place value and exploring 3-digit numbers, followed by measuring capacity and volume, using scales and solving problems involving litres and millilitres. Our final unit of the term will be on mass where we will discuss our understandings of weight and mass as well as interpreting and comparing mass.

**English:** This half term, we will be looking at two texts. Our first is '*Tadpole's Promise*' by Jeanne Willis and illustrated by Tony Ross. The theme of the story is 'change and relationships' and the children will be writing about changes, looking at setting descriptions, retelling the main events of the story in sequence and planning their own story with a similar structure. We will also be making links to Science and consolidating the children's knowledge of 'Animals including Humans' by discussing lifecycles. We will continue to observe our tadpoles in the school pond alongside the reading of this text.

Our other text will be '*The Dragon Machine*' by Helen Ward which looks at the themes of fictional worlds and fantasy.

**Science:** We will be continuing our science learning with a unit entitled '**Little Masterchefs.**' The children will be learning about the importance for humans of exercise and eating a balanced diet to maintain a healthy body and mind. They will be looking at healthy swaps that can be made in our diets and will then design and make a pizza with healthy toppings.

**Geography:** This half term our topic is ***Journeys of Food.*** We will be learning all about where our food comes from. Children will learn about the geographical similarities and differences through studying the human geography of the local shops, and physical geography through studying food growth and production nearby. They will also be using atlases to name, locate and identify characteristics of the UK as well as creating their own maps with a key showing different types of food shops in our local area.

**Design and Technology:** Our unit this half term is 'Textiles' and the children will be making pouches – these could be a money pouch, a memories pouch to keep photographs and souvenirs in or even a pouch for a character in a book e.g. for Jack to keep his beans in. They will be using a template to cut out two pieces of felt for their pouch and will be learning the skills needed to produce a pouch including threading a needle, tying a knot, how to sew a running stitch and tying the final knot.

**RE:** This half term, our unit is about **Islam** and specifically how Muslims show their commitment to God. This will also include a trip to Palmers Green Mosque, where we will hear all about special traditions and the children will be able to put questions to the Imam, more details to follow.

**PSHE:** This half term we continue our unit on *Family and Relationships*, where we are discussing different families, how friendships can make us feel, stereotypes and also how change and loss can affect us. We will use stories and circle times to ensure everyone feels included and everyone has a voice.



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**Computing:** Our unit this term is '**We Are Photographers**'. We will be using the iPad cameras to take, select and edit digital images. The children will be evaluating their photographs and then learning how to enhance them using the photo app on the i-pads.

**Class Reads:** Our class read will be *Mr Penguin, The Lost Treasure*, by Alex T. Smith. We will also be reading a variety of different texts linked to our English topics.

### PE Days

Outdoor PE is timetabled for **Tuesdays** with Coach Kymani. We also have indoor PE on **Wednesdays** where we will be learning some folk dances. Indoor PE kits will stay in school. Please continue to practise tying a tie and shoelaces at home.

### Reading and Spellings

This half term we will continue to build on and develop our comprehension skills. Please continue to make time to read with your child and for your child to be read to, as well as asking them questions about the story to help with their understanding and comprehension.

The children will also be set a spelling task for homework.

### Homework

Homework will be set every Friday on Microsoft Teams and is due in the following Wednesday. Children may also be set homework on MyMaths or Purple Mash, this will be indicated on weekly homework message posted on Teams.

### Key Dates

Class Photograph	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April
Polling Day (school closed)	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May
Bank Holiday (school closed)	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May
Year 2 trip to Palmer's Green Mosque	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May
Scholastic Book Fair	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May
National Numeracy Day	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May
Half Term	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May
Year 2 trip to Chalkwell Beach	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June
Sports Day	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June (second date 3 <sup>rd</sup> July)