



Curriculum Letter for Year 2

Autumn Term 2020



General Information

A very warm welcome to Year 2! The children have settled in well and are becoming familiar with all the new routines, expectations and changes around the school. Thank you to everyone for adapting so well, the children have impressed us with their resilience and passion for learning.

Curriculum

Maths - This half term we will begin with place value, so the children understand that each digit in a number has different values. We will then practise key skills in number and a range of calculation strategies using the four operations + - x and ÷. The children will work on their x2, x5, x10 tables and problem-solving skills.

English - Our English work has been linked closely to our class reads. We have started the term reading *Here We Are* by Oliver Jeffers, describing ourselves and different animals in the world. We will next move on to *Meerkat Mail* where children will explore settings, re-tell stories and discuss similarities and differences. Towards the end of the term, they will be writing some non-fiction texts and looking at different styles of poetry.

Geography – This half term we will be discussing seasonal and daily weather patterns in our local area and the UK, using simple fieldwork and observational skills in and around the school. The children will learn basic weather symbols and subject specific vocabulary.

History – After half-term, we will be looking at events beyond living memory by exploring the *Great Fire of London and the Gunpowder plot*. We will be finding out why these events are still talked about today.

Science – Our new Science topic is *Healthy Me!* We are exploring the types of food we need to keep our bodies healthy, the effects that different exercises can have on different parts of the body alongside the importance of keeping our brains healthy and happy.

RE – our learning starts with the importance of *The Lord's Prayer* within the Christian faith and then after half-term, move onto *the symbolism of light* as part of the Nativity story.

PE days

This half term we are supplementing our PE activities with extra time on our fantastic new climbing equipment in the KS1 Playground. Our outdoor PE session is Wednesday with Coach Romaine. The children need to come into school dressed in their PE kit every Wednesday.

Reading and Spellings

We are currently reading with the children on a 1:1 basis at least once a week, to monitor fluency. In Year 2, comprehension is the next key reading skill, which we are trying to develop. You can support this at home by discussing what you are reading with your child and also allowing them to ask questions, when you are reading to them. **Reading aloud is so very important at home** and we will continue to send home books appropriate for your children. If you feel that a book is too challenging or otherwise, please let us know via the Reading Record on Teams.

We have purchased additional books this term to further support our younger readers. Reading books will be sent home on a Thursday and should be returned by the following Tuesday. A return of books on the correct day means they will have time to be 'quarantined' before the next round of selection and increase the variety of books available for the children to choose from.

Homework

Our Homework will be set on Teams on a Friday and should be completed by Wednesday of the following week. Homework consists of Spellings, along with Maths, English or a history/geography task. It should take no longer than 20 mins to complete.

Key Dates

Half term – 26th – 30th October

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