



# Summer Term 2024

## Parents' Curriculum Information

### Phase 2 (Year 2)



#### English



This term, we will be continuing to develop our spelling, punctuation and grammar learning applying this in our extended writing. We will be practising different spelling rules, using different word types and developing a range of grammatical skills through our topic of 'On the Farm'. In our whole class reading sessions, we will be enjoying a range of fairy tales and learning about the different features. From this, we will retell the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. At the end of the half term, we will use our learning in science to write an information text on plants and animals.

Next half term, we will move onto our topic of 'The Great Fire of London', creating many writing opportunities including a recount of the historical event. Throughout the term, please continue to practise developing your reading fluency and comprehension at home, as well as learning the different spelling rules.

#### Maths

We will continue to build on our maths learning by practising our times tables, adding and subtracting numbers quickly and using our basic mental arithmetic. We will be learning the vocabulary for position and direction and we will also learn how to answer questions about tally charts and block diagrams in statistics.

To develop our problem solving skills, we will need to be using our maths knowledge to read word problems, decide what type of calculation needs to be used and what method we are going to use to solve the problem. These will include division and multiplication as well as addition and subtraction. Please help your child to write numbers as words and to spell them correctly.

#### Science, History and Geography



This half term, we will be focusing hard on plants linked to our 'On the Farm' topic. We will understand what a plant is and how it survives. We will work scientifically to plan and carry out an experiment to understand if all plants need water and light to survive.

Next half term, we will focus on history and learn about the events in the Great Fire of London and what caused it to happen. As part of this learning, we will have an experience day where the children will be immersed in role play and other learning experiences, to find out more about the Great Fire of London.

In Geography, we will learn about continents and oceans and complete a country study, comparing the UK and Kenya.



## Computing and Online Safety



For our online safety learning, the focus this term will be 'Online Relationships' and 'Privacy and Security' which will involve discussions about communications we can have online, how to use passwords to keep private information secure and where to go for help if needed.

In our computing sessions, we will be learning to use 'Word' for typing. This will include using different keys to add punctuation and changing the size, colour and type of font.

## PSHE and RE



For our PSHE learning, our Jigsaw focus this term will be on 'Relationships' and 'Changing Me'. We will be talking about friendships, identifying things that can cause conflict and suggesting positive problem solving techniques to resolve these. We will also be learning about life cycles and recognising changes that we notice in ourselves and others.

In RE, the children will answer the big question – 'Can books and stories be good teachers?' In order to answer this, they will find out what Christians might learn from the parables of Jesus and why the Torah is such a joy for the Jewish community.

## Physical Education



We are looking forward to our PE outside this term! In the first half term, we will be practising our defending and attacking skills in net and ball games. In athletics, we will be learning different field and running events. In the second half term, we will be using our simple skills of throwing, catching and co-ordination to improve our batting and fielding skills. We also look forward to our Forest Skills sessions! Both Year 2 classes will spend an afternoon or morning in the forest, in all weathers, developing many beneficial outdoor skills. Please see the website for up to date information on when your child's PE lessons are.

## Art, Music and Design and Technology



This half term in DT, we will be designing a new monster that can bend and move! In the second half of the term, we will enjoy learning how to sew and join materials together to create a little pouch.

In Art, the children will be using a variety of skills and mediums to create maps such as drawing, creating their own felt, using stain glass windows and printing. In Summer 2, they will be focusing on painting and mixed media to explore colour mixing, and collage techniques to create textures using different tools.

In Music this term, the children will be learning to play the recorder, including how to hold it correctly and positioning their fingers to create different rhythms and learning simple tunes. A letter will be sent with further information regarding these lessons in class.

Please see the monthly newsletters from Mr Pettitt or the calendar on our school website to keep up with key dates and events for our Year Group.

Have a wonderful summer term!

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