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Curriculum Year 2

Spring Term 1 2023

Dear Parents and Children,

I hope you had a relaxing Christmas with your family; I would like to welcome you back to the new term. We have planned lots of exciting and engaging learning!

Through a variety of activities, the children will address all National Curriculum subjects creatively.

Religion

For Religious Education, our topic this term is - 'The Good News'. We will look at some of the Miracles of Jesus, e.g. Feeding the 5000, The cure of the Paralysed Man and the 10 Lepers.

English

This term we will continue to follow our phonics programme and look at alternative spellings. The children will also investigate and learn strategies to help with spelling. Children will learn to spell the common exception words for Year 2 and revise the Year 1 spelling list.

Children will be given a spelling list every Friday and tested the following Thursday. I would recommend that children practise the spellings daily by writing, saying them out loud as they write and then checking. It is very important that children are able to spell the words correctly in all their writing, **not just in the test**. The spellings that children are given will be linked to our phonics programme, topic and religious vocabulary, days of the week and months of the year.

We will be identifying characters, settings, and story language used by authors. As part of our topic the children will write stories, character descriptions, letters and reports,

There will be a big focus on grammar when speaking and writing: we will be using the four different sentence types: command, exclamation, statement and question and learning how to incorporate them in our writing, we will learn and use new vocabulary to make our writing more interesting for the reader, use punctuation and the correct tense in our writing.

Your child will continue to read high level texts and will be heard by a member of staff at least once a week. The children will also get the opportunity to engage in Guided Reading sessions. In these sessions the teacher leads the children in reading, discussion, questions and answers. This is a great opportunity to discuss higher level reading skills. We encourage pupils to read at home every night, preferably to an adult. **Please sign, date and write a comment in the reading record**. Please ensure that your child's reading book and reading record are in school every day. Children are also encouraged to read one of the Year 2 core books - books we would like the children to read by the end of Year 2. We want children to develop a love of books and read for pleasure.

Mathematics

This half term we will be studying different concepts and **problem solving** through:

- Money
- Multiplication and division.
- The children will be learning their 2, 3, 5, and 10 times tables.

Topic

Our topic this half term is called 'Let's Get Moving'. Please see the attached curriculum map for details on what we will be learning,

Homework

- All homework will be given out on a Friday and collected the following Thursday.
- Maths will be based on what your child has learnt that week or what they will be learning the following week, and Mathletics activities. Children also have access to Numbots.
- English will consist of ten spellings and a reading comprehension.
- Religion and topic will also be part of our homework.

P.E.

PE is a very important part of our curriculum; children not only learn skills but also the link between exercise and a healthy lifestyle. For Spring term 1 the children will have PE on **Thursday, please come to school wearing your school uniform and bring your PE kit in a separate bag to change into.**

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on our first PE lesson where the children had to change. The boys and girls were separated - boys upstairs and girls downstairs- and all children got changed quickly and with no fuss. If a child was unable to fasten/unfasten their shirts or needed help dressing/undressing then one of the adults in the class helped them.

PSHE

PSHE will involve circle time and will also be linked to our religion topics and our physical education.

Ways to help your child

- Hear your child read as often as possible and write a comment in their reading record.
- Talk to your child about his / her school day
- Ensure that your child learns his/her spellings
- Ensure all homework is carefully completed and handed in on time
- Teach your child the time and the concept of money

A gentle reminder to make sure that your child comes to school every day dressed in the correct school uniform and is wearing the correct shoes.

All of the staff in Year 2 would like to thank you for your generous gifts and your support during the last term.

Please do not hesitate to come and see me if you have any concerns about your child's learning. I will be very happy to meet with you and by working together we can do the best for your child.

Kind Regards

Mrs Paterson