

# Curriculum Newsletter for Year 2



Dear Parents and Carers,

In order to keep you informed and help you support your children, we thought it would be useful to share with you some of the arrangements in Year 2.

Your children have been working so hard with their learning so far this term, and we would like to thank you for all your support.

Classes	Giraffe and Zebra		
Class Teachers	Mrs O'Brien/Mrs Edwards, Mrs Bailey		
Other teachers teaching the class	Mrs McNamara – Giraffe (Wednesday am) Mrs Forster– Zebra (Tuesday all day, Weds am) In case of illness or training, other teachers may be in the classroom		
Support staff working in the classroom	Mrs Hardy Mrs Wyeth		
Home learning	All home learning will be sent home on a Thursday. This will include a weekly Mathletics activity to be completed on the computer.		
Reading books	Children can change their reading books every day if they wish, as long as they have read the book at home. Please try and hear your child read for at least 20 minutes each day. Also, remember to sign the reading record when you have read with your child, indicating the page number reached. Again, any brief comments about how your child read the book or about any questions / conversations you had about the book are very useful for continual assessment.		
PE kits	Our PE takes place on Monday and Friday. Please ensure PE kit is in school on these days. Jewellery should be removed, this includes earrings. Children with long hair should have it tied back for health and safety reasons.		
Planned events this term	Island Life – Island Making London Calling – Great Fire of London		
Theme work this year	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
	Ticket To Ride Making a Difference	Frozen Animal Matters	Island life London Calling

In addition to this, we thought it would be useful to share with you some of the work that the children will be studying up until Easter, so that you can support their learning at home. If you have any questions about these themes, please speak to the class teacher.

## **Literacy**

Some of this term's Literacy work will be closely linked to our theme. Amongst other activities we will be learning how to write a recount and instructions incorporating the use of conjunctions and punctuating sentences correctly. We will also be studying a selection of poetry and writing our own poems.

## **Maths**

In Maths, we will continue to look the four operations – addition, subtraction, multiplication and division through problem solving. We will also be covering measurement, position and direction.

## **RE**

In R.E. we will be learning about Hinduism and what it means to be a Hindu. We will also be learning about the 10 commandments and how they are God's rules for living. In the second half of the term we will be looking at the Parables of Jesus and why it is important to remember the stories that he told. Through our collective worship, we will be learning about the Christian values of reverence and justice.

## **PE**

This term in PE will be focussing on different PE skills; throwing, catching and movement. We will also be practising for Sports Day! This term many of the PE sessions will be outside so please ensure your child has the appropriate named footwear in their PE bags. We may also take advantage of the weather and incorporate PE into our Maths work therefore it would be beneficial if children's PE kits stay in school.

## **ICT/Computing**

As well as using ICT throughout the curriculum, the children continue learning to code and will learn how to use the internet as a research tool. We will also learn about internet safety.

## **Themed Work**

Our themes this term are Island Life and London Calling which will incorporate Science, History, Geography, Art and D.T. As part of our Island Life theme, we will learn about island features, plants and how they grow, history of the postal service, and comparing

Next half term, our theme will be London Calling. During this theme, we will be looking at the history of London including The Great Fire of London, locating London on a map, looking at different materials and their uses for different purposes.

If you have any questions about this, feel free to catch one of the Year 2 team and we will be happy to help.

If you are interested in helping out in the classroom in any way, please let us know as we always welcome help with activities such as listening to children read.

Many thanks again for your continued support.

Mrs Bailey, Mrs O'Brien and Mrs Edwards

