

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	Miss Hams, Miss Taylor		
Other teachers teaching the class	Mrs Seymour – Giraffe (Wednesday pm) Mrs Street– Zebra (Wednesday pm) In case of illness or training, other teachers may be in the classroom		
Support staff working in the classroom	Mrs Hardy Mrs Wyeth Mrs Bracken		
Home learning	All projects and handwriting/spellings will be sent home on a Friday. This will include weekly Mathletics activities 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 Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure PE kit is in school on this day. Jewellery should be removed, this includes earrings. Children with long hair should have it tied back for health and safety reasons.		
Planned trips this year	Proposed trip to Museum of London in the summer term, this will be confirmed at a later date.		
Theme work this year	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
	Ticket To Ride Making a Difference	Frozen Animal Matters	London Calling Chocolate

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 Christmas, 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 writing character descriptions incorporating the use of adjectives and other descriptive language such as similes. We will also be studying a selection of poetry and writing our own poems.

Maths

In Maths, we will be learning about the value of money, recognising coins and adding and subtracting from varying amounts. We will be learning how to tell the time using o'clock, half past, quarter to and quarter past, as well as exploring other times on the clock. We will also be investigating halves and quarters of shapes and numbers, reading and writing numerals to 100 and counting in steps of 2, 5 and 10.

RE

In RE we will be learning about creation, how harvest is celebrated within different religions and focusing on prayers. The Christian value we are exploring this term is Wisdom.

PE

This term our PE topics are Multi-skills, Gymnastics and Dance. We will learn different PE skills: throwing, catching, movement and balance. We will also be playing games using skills of defending and attacking. We will be playing a range of games that demand simple choices and decisions on how to use space to avoid opponents, keep the ball and score points. This term a number 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 theme 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 will be introduced to coding and how to use the internet as a research tool. We will also learn about Internet safety.

Themed Work

Our themes this term are Ticket to Ride and Making a Difference which will incorporate Science, History, Geography, Art and D.T. As part of our Ticket to Ride theme, we will learn about the history of flight, road safety, identifying the continents as well as completing a science investigation about wheel shape.

In our Making a Difference theme we will be learning about the life, times and cultures of different historical figures that have made amazing discoveries or changed our lives today. We will be looking at famous people such as Florence Nightingale and Nelson Mandela as well as learning about how to stay healthy.

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.

Miss Hams and Miss Taylor

