

# Curriculum Newsletter for Year 2 Spring



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 this year, and we would like to thank you for all your support.

Classes	Zebras and Giraffes
Class Teachers	Miss Hams and Miss Taylor
Other teachers teaching the class	Mrs Street – Zebra (Wednesday pm) Mrs Seymour– Giraffe (Wednesday pm)
Support staff working in the classroom	Mrs Hardy Mrs Wyeth
Home learning	All projects and times tables/spellings will be sent home on a Thursday and should be handed in the following Tuesday. This will include a weekly Mathletics activity to be completed on the computer. To prepare the children for their national tests later in the year, we may also be sending home some additional home learning. If there are any issues regarding online homework, please speak to your class teacher as soon as possible.
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 around 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 day will either be Tuesday or Thursday. Please ensure PE kit is in school on these days. Jewellery should be removed and children with long hair should have it tied back for health and safety reasons. Please note PE does take place outside, so appropriate clothing is needed. Children can wear navy or black tracksuits.
Planned trips this term	Antarctic explorer visiting Raptorxotics – letter to come home soon
Theme work this term	Spring 1: Frozen – exploring the polar regions and looking at habitats and adaptations. Spring 2: Animal Matters – ecosystems, life cycles and health.

In addition to this, we thought it would be useful to share with you 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**

This half term's Literacy work is closely linked to our theme. We will be looking at instructions as well as creating a non-chronological report on polar exploration. The children will also be continuing with their fiction work, developing character descriptions based on several story books.

## **Maths**

In Maths, we will be focusing heavily on the four operations – addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will link aspects of measurement, shape and pattern into our theme lessons, for example, measuring ingredients to make soup.

## **Music**

Our learning in music is focused around exploring and developing playing skills through the glockenspiel. We will be learning the names of the notes, how to play in time together and using different pitches and rhythms.

## **RE**

In R.E. we will be learning about how art is used in different world faiths. As part of this we will be studying light and stained glass windows, mosaics and different styles of calligraphy. After half term we will be learning about the different communities that the children are part of. We will be discussing how we are cared for and how we care for others. We will also compare our community to a community in another part of the world. Through our collective worship, we will be exploring the Christian value of hope.

## **PE**

This term we will be having two focuses in P.E. The first will be to learn a range of fun team games that we can transfer to our playtimes. The second will be gymnastics using low level equipment to balance and travel over in a variety of ways.

## **Themed Work**

Our theme this half term is Frozen which will incorporate Science, History Geography, Art, D.T. and Computing. Amongst other activities, we will be looking at the history of polar exploration and designing healthy and nutritious soups to stay warm.

Next half term, our theme will be Animal Matters which will incorporate Science, History Geography, Art and D.T. During this, we will be looking at nocturnal animals and life cycles.

If you have any questions, 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

