



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

Class	Zebra and Giraffe		
Class Teacher	Zebras - Mrs Williams (Mon,Tues,Wed,Fri) /Mrs O'Donnell (Thur) Giraffes - Mrs Moreland (Mon,Tues) /Mrs Edwards(Wed-Fri)		
Other teachers teaching the class	Miss White– Giraffe (Wednesday pm) Mrs Seymour – Zebra (Wednesday pm) In case of illness or training, other teachers may be in the classroom		
Support staff working in the classroom	Mrs Wyeth Mrs Diamond		
Home learning	All home learning will be sent home on a Thursday and should be handed back in on a Tuesday. There will be a spelling test on Tuesday. Please also continue with daily reading at home.		
Reading books	Children can change their reading books every day if they wish, as long as they have read the book at home and you have written a comment in their reading record. Please try and hear your child read for at least 10 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 days are Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure a named PE kit is in school on these days. Any jewellery should be removed, especially earrings as we cannot remove them. Children with long hair should have it tied back for health and safety reasons. A number of PE sessions may be outside so black tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt may be included.		
Planned trips this year	Brooklands Museum on 30th September Raptorxotics animal visit Warburtons visit		
Themes this year	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
	Ticket To Ride Making a Difference	Frozen Animal Matters	Island life London Calling

Each half a term we will be sending home a theme overview. This is a useful document that explains how the theme will be taught throughout the foundation subjects. It gives practical ideas of how you can support your child at home and includes suggestions for extra – curricular activities to do as a family. Furthermore, it gives a list of spellings and key vocabulary that are relevant to the theme. If you have any questions about these themes, please speak to the class teacher.

English

A lot of our English work will be closely linked to our themes. 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. Throughout our lessons we will be focussing on punctuating sentences correctly, accurate letter formation, presentation and the use of conjunctions to extend our sentences.

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. Throughout the year, we will be focussing on the 4 operations – addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and problem solving using these operations. We will also be covering fractions, measurement, position and direction.

RE

We will be learning about prayer, looking at the Lord's Prayer, finding out about different saints and exploring how Jesus is the light of the world. We will also be learning about Hinduism and what it means to be a Hindu. As well as this, we will be learning about the 10 commandments and how they are God's rules for living and looking at Easter symbols and their meaning. We will also look at the Parables of Jesus and why it is important to remember the stories that he told.

PE

Throughout the year we will cover 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.

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.

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

Many thanks again for your continued support.
Mrs Williams, Mrs O'Donnell, Mrs Moreland and Mrs Edwards

