

**WELCOME TO
YEAR 2!**

ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-2021

WELCOME TO ZEBRA AND GIRAFFE CLASS

MEET OUR STAFF!

Zebra Class	Giraffe Class
Miss Orton Mrs Bailey –Wednesday morning TLA Mrs Peake PPA Miss Barr	Mrs Edwards -Tues-Fri Mrs Bailey-Monday TLA Miss Rodrigues and Mrs Morris PPA Miss White

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF YEAR 2

- Each day we start with early morning activities as the children arrive at school. Then each day the children have a maths, English, Guided Reading and phonics lesson, usually in the morning. In the afternoons we cover RE, geography, history, art/DT, science, computing , music, PSHE and PE.
- Children hang up their bags and coats then sanitise their hands and make their way to their table.
- At morning break the children have 15 mins on the Junior playground in their year group bubble. At lunchtime the children have some time on the playground and then have their lunch in the hall.

WE TAKE PRIDE IN OUR PRESENTATION

- In Year 2 we take great pride in our presentation in all books. This involves, amongst other things, using our neatest handwriting at all times, remembering finger spaces and forming our letters and numbers accurately. All children have a presentation agreement that we use to make sure they take pride in their work.

WHAT DOES MY CHILD NEED FOR YEAR 2

- Book bag
- Water bottle
- PE kit for all weather (this will need to include a plain dark tracksuit, as we go out in all seasons, as well as plimsolls and trainers) children come to school in their PE kits and wear them all day on Monday and Wednesday
- A coat
- School shoes

ENGLISH (PHONICS, GRAMMAR, SPELLING AND WRITING)

- This half term we will be reading and completing writing activities based on **Mrs Armitage on Wheels** – Quentin Blake, **The Tunnel**-Anthony Browne and **Journey**-Aaron Becker.
- In Year 2 we will be covering many common spelling patterns as well as focusing on Year 2 common exception words.
- We will be focussing on Stage 5 and Stage 6 phonics this year as well as recapping on previous stages where appropriate.
- This half term we will be using the texts above to inspire our writing of diaries, newspaper reports, stories and descriptions.

READING -

- The children will be continuing with Oxford Reading Tree and then move onto book band colours when they have reached this level.
- Children will engage in a different guided reading activity every day which will include reading to a teacher and a TLA at least once a week. Other reading opportunities will be included as often as possible.
- The children will have an opportunity to change their reading books on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Books will then be quarantined before going out to another child.

MATHS

- In Year Two we focus on numbers within and beyond 100. Our aim is for the children to talk about concepts with confidence and give reasons for answers and solve problems. We also focus the importance of number bonds and number formation and relate this to the real world as much as possible.
- We follow the White Rose Maths Mastery Scheme.
- We cover; Number; Place Value, Addition, Subtraction, Measurement-(money, length, height, time, mass, capacity, temperature) multiplication, division, statistics, properties of shapes, fractions, position and direction and problem solving,
- Examples of methods include part whole model, bar model and the use of manipulatives such as dienes and numicon.

SCIENCE

Year 2	Changes of Materials	Working Scientifically	Living things and their habitats	Animals, including humans	Plants	Properties of materials
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In science we will be covering these topics as well as planning and carrying out investigations.

THEME

- **The themes we cover this year are:**
- **Autumn 1-Ticket To Ride**
- **Autumn 2-Gunpowder plots and Great Fires**
- **Spring 1-Frozen**
- **Spring 2-Noble Nurses**
- **Summer1-Island Life**
- **Summer 2-London Calling**

WIDER CURRICULUM

- Music-we follow the Charanga scheme of work on a weekly basis covering pitch, rhythm and musical instruments.
- Drama-we incorporate this into as many lessons as possible from English to PSHE
- PSHE-we follow the jigsaw scheme on a weekly basis which covers 'being in my world', 'celebrating difference', 'dreams and goals' , 'healthy me' , relationships' and 'changing me'.
- Computing-we work on coding, internet safety and use of computer programs such as Microsoft Word.

P.E.

- Our PE days are Monday and Wednesday and children come to school in their kit on those days.
- We do Indoor PE such as dance and gym and Indoor games if the weather is poor.
- We also do a lot of Outdoor PE – Games, athletics and multi skills so it is necessary for the children to have a plain, dark tracksuit for when the weather gets colder.

HOME LEARNING

- Home learning will be sent home on a Thursday and returned the following Tuesday. It will include spellings to learn, a maths activity, a reading activity and a theme/science or RE activity.
- Please read at home with your child every day and write comments in their reading record.
- Most weeks, we will test the spellings that the children have been learning that week.
- There will also be some occasional extra curricular work.

WORSHIP

Worship will take place every day in the classroom either lead by the teacher or via zoom by SLT.

EXCITING EVENTS THIS YEAR

- We will be planning some exciting events for Year 2 this year. At present these will be school based activities and we will give you more information about these during the year.

HOW TO HELP MY CHILD AT HOME

Regular reading

Talking, building conversation and extending vocabulary

Visiting places that fit in with our themes.

How to help my child at home pages – ACE website...

Theme overviews have ideas for activities to do at home

Practising times tables



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