

Curriculum Information for Parents

Year 1 and 2 – Autumn Term 2

English

The world of story dreaming will continue!

We will be exposing the children to a range of skills for writing as well as securing taught skills in the Autumn term!

How can you help at home?

How many common words can your child read or spell? These words cannot be segmented using phonics and make up a vast amount of the children's decodable books as well as being used in sentences for writing. Knowing the common words supports children automaticity with writing.

Maths

From now on in maths we won't be streaming anymore the classes will stay with their teacher for maths. We will all be focusing on multiplication and division. We will be using our knowledge of counting in 2's, 5's, 10's and 3's. We will be looking at 2d and 3d shapes within our play and continuing to count confidently to 20 and then to 100 from any number.

Exploration

A fantastic start to the year

The children in year 1 and 2 have settled in really well. The Year 1 children have transitioned from Year R fantastically and it so wonderful to see new friendships being formed and confidence growing.

Exploration

Our new concept next half term is 'Exploration' all of our learning will be based around this concept to support children will noticing patterns and making links across all the subjects. A key characteristic for effective learning.

Key days in the week

- PE Thursday and Friday
- Library Wednesday mornings
- Phonics wallets must be in every day

Key dates this half term:

- Listen to me Music concert! (More info to come)
- Friday 7th November – Year 2 cross country tournament (invite only)

Naming clothes!

Please can we request all items of clothing are named including shoes. We seem to have a lot of lost property but also a lot of missing items and we cannot return them or find them due to things being unnamed.

Phonics wallets

The children partake in daily phonics lessons in small groups. They must have their phonics wallet that includes their reading book and phonics booklet to be able to join in successfully with this session.

These wallets go home too so that you can read their current phonics book with them as well as see the phonics they will be learning.

Our learning during this unit will include....

Science

In science we will be continuing to discuss and understand everyday materials and their use. We will start a new focus on living things and their habitats and we will be looking at the Ocean Habitat.

Computing

In computing the children will have access during their own learning time to chose to use a laptop or tablet to access Google Earth or Tux Paint. We will be focusing on the children's skills of using these two programmes and how a keyboard and mouse support us to do this.

PE

This half term we will have a cricket coach from Chance to Shine. The Year 1's will be being taught tennis skills this half term, this will mostly be outside so please can the children be dressed in warm outdoor PE clothes.

The Year 2's will be being taught Dodgeball skills this half term in readiness for our tournament in Spring 1 term.

History

In history, we will be learning all about Christopher Columbus and his voyage across the Atlantic Ocean to America.

Geography

In Nature Explorers we will be continuing to extend our learning on physical and human features in our local area.

Our new learning will be focusing on the Equator and linking our science learning about Oceans to the type of Oceans we find close to the Equator.

RE

RE will see us exploring the concept of 'advent' – light as a symbol and Christian beliefs. As a part of this we will be incorporating the visits to the Christmas church festival and thinking about our wider community.

Art/DT

In art we will exploring the skill of printing and designing our own prints on foam to create repeating patterns. In DT we will be opening our sewing area within our classrooms and practicing our different sewing skills to be able to use for the rest of the year. Our carpentry areas are now open and the children have been taught how to use the saws and 'cool melt' glue guns safely.

Music

In music, we have the Hampshire Music Service coming in every Thursday to teach the children. This half term the children will be continuing Samba. You will be invited to a concert later in the term, further details to follow.

PSHE

Well-being Wednesdays will continue to be a focus within our curriculum and how we can use mindfulness strategies when we have big feelings. In our 'My Happy Minds' lessons we will be learning about 'Appreciation'.