<u>Curriculum Information for Parents</u> Year 2 – Spring Term 1 2024





Other Information

We hope that you have a wonderful Christmas and we are looking forward to starting the New Year.

As part of our new topic, we will be visiting the library to learn more about Roald Dahl's life and stories. Details to follow.

To end our topic, we would like all of the children to come in dressed up as a character from a Roald Dahl book on **Thursday 8th February.** Parents are welcome to come to see all their Roald Dahl work from 2.30pm in our classrooms.

Our P.E sessions will be on a Tuesday and a Friday. Please ensure that children have a labelled PE kit suitable for all weathers.

Home learning

We realise that the children are very excited to learn all about Roald Dahl and to learn and read his novels. There are many fun activities to do in the home learning. Please could we ask that you do not bring any models in before the homework due date as storage is tricky!

Reading - This half term reading continues to be our focus. In particular, extracting parts of the text in order to answer comprehension questions.

Spelling - We will continue to learn the Fryern common words in our English lessons. We will be focusing on the Year 2 words. If you would like a copy of the Fryern common words (we gave you a copy at parents evening) then please ask your child's teacher.

Our learning during this unit will include.... Science

We will be conducting an investigation looking at how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching. We will use the results to inform us of the materials to use in our DT work.

Computing

We are really lucky to be having computer explorers coming in to support the children with 'Creating media – Digital music'.

<u>PE</u>

Children will be doing basketball with a sports coach focusing on throwing and catching. As part of our PSHE, children will be learning about mindfulness. We will be doing Yoga as part of this.

<u>PSHE</u>

We will be focusing on 'What jobs people do?' In particular, we will consider why people have jobs. It would be lovely for you to talk to your child about different jobs, why people need to work and what it might pay for.

<u>RE</u>

We will be looking at the concept of authority with a focus of events in the life of Jesus.

DT

We will be designing, making and evaluating a moving vehicle for a Roald Dahl character.

Music

Hampshire Music Service will continue to be teaching the children. They will be learning how to play tuned percussion.

<u>Art</u>

We will be learning how to draw characters with a pencil, inspired by Quentin Blake.

<u>English</u>

We will be using a range of Roald Dahl books to inspire a variety of writing including character description, instruction writing and letter writing. It would be great if you could read some Roald Dahl stories over the Christmas holidays or get some audio books from the library to prepare for our new topic.

<u>Maths</u>

- Count money-pence, pounds (notes and coins), notes and coins
- Choose notes and coins
- Make the same amount
- Compare money
- Calculate with money
- Make a pound
- Find change
- Two-step money problems
- Recognise equal groups
- Make equal groups
- Add equal groups
- Introduction to the multiplication symbol
- Multiplication sentences using the x symbol and from pictures
- Use arrays
- Make equal groups- grouping and sharing
- Odd and even numbers
- Doubling and halving
- 2 times table, 5 times table and 10 times table
- Divide by 2, by 5 and by 10.