

# Year Two Newsletter Autumn 2017



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# Children will be learning about:

## **English:**

This term, pupils will continue to develop their phonic knowledge and spelling skills. They will also be continuing to develop their handwriting skills, including practising writing using the cursive script. We will be following the scheme Talk 4 Writing across the school which will enable children to orally rehearse and learn a story off by heart before writing. We will start the term off by focussing on story books by the author Oliver Jeffers. Children will be writing their own narrative and imaginative stories using his books as a basis. Later on in the term, the children will be learning about Greenwich as part of our humanities topic. The children will have the opportunity to read and use a range of information texts. They will be writing factual reports and recounts based on their visits to Greenwich. The children will also continue to develop their speaking and listening skills through drama and role play.

## **Reading:**

Reading will be taught at school daily and pupils will get regular opportunities to read together in small groups and individually. They will be focusing on phase 6 phonics, reading words with suffixes and developing their comprehension skills. Children will also be encouraged to use punctuation to help them read with intonation and to use expression whilst reading aloud. Pupils will be given a reading record and should be encouraged to read at home every day to support their learning at school. Reading books will be changed regularly. The children will have a levelled book as well as having the opportunity to take home a book from the book corner.

## **Maths:**

We will continue to follow the Maths No Problem scheme. This term, pupils will be learning to recognise and count numbers up to 100 and group various objects into twos, fives and tens. They will develop their understanding of place value and use pictorial representations to deepen their knowledge. They will be developing their mental recall of addition and subtraction facts for numbers up to 20, with fluency, as well using related facts up to 100. There will also be an opportunity to learn multiplication facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables, as well as beginning to learn the related division facts. Children will be working on estimating and measuring length, weight and capacity using standard measures. They will also be studying statistics and interpreting and constructing simple pictograms.

## **Science:**

### ANIMALS INCLUDING HUMANS:

Children will learn that animals, including humans, have offspring that grows into adults. They will find out about, and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and air). They will also investigate and explain the importance of exercise, eating the right amounts of a wide variety of food, and hygiene.

### LIVING THINGS AND THEIR HABITATS:

The children will be learning about why different animals and plants need suitable habitats and how animals obtain food from plants and other animals.

## **Humanities:**

### GREENWICH:

Our humanities topic this term is Greenwich Past and Present. The children will have the opportunity to use a range of information sources to find out why Greenwich attracts so many visitors and we will research how Greenwich has changed over time. We will be visiting the Cutty Sark and the surrounding area. The children will be asked, as part of a homework task, to undertake some research on Greenwich. It would be very helpful if you could work with your child to complete this activity.

## **Computing:**

Computing is taught by Mr Parry every Friday. This term, the children will learn what algorithms are, how they are implemented as programs on digital devices and that programs follow precise and unambiguous instructions. They will create and debug simple programs using logical reasoning to predict the behaviour of simple programs. They will do so using the following: oral/written commands, 2Control, Logo, Beebots, Beebot App, A.L.E.X App and Kodable.

## **Art and DT:**

Art work will be based around our topic on Greenwich. Children will be working with a range of drawing, drawing and painting techniques using different materials.

In DT, the children will be designing and making their own fabric animal puppets to link with their science work, using different sewing and joining techniques.

During Healthy Eating Week, we will be designing and making a healthy sandwich.

## **RE:**

### ISLAM AND CHRISTIANITY:

Our RE topics this term are Islam and Christianity. The children will be learning about Islamic and Christian beliefs, teachings and practices. We will be visiting a local Church.

## **PE:**

INDOOR PE: For the first half term, the children will follow the P.E. Hub scheme for their gymnastics lessons. In Gymnastics, children will be developing their skills, combining different travelling and balancing movements using a range of apparatus. For the second half term, the children will complete a dance unit written by the Greenwich dance agency which is linked to our learning. We will also be rehearsing for the Christmas Production.

OUTDOOR PE: For outdoor P.E, children will follow the P.E. Hub scheme. This term, we will focus on hitting, catching and running. They will apply these skills in different team games. They also have the opportunity to work with a sports apprentice.

## **Music:**

In year two, the children will have music lessons taught by Miss Portman every Friday. There will also be a weekly singing assembly for Key Stage one.

# Useful Information:

## PE

Our PE days are:

**2T:**

Thursday-Indoor

Monday-Outdoor

**2C:**

Thursday-Indoor

Monday-Outdoor

Please ensure that your child has a suitable PE kit. The school policy is navy or black shorts and a plain white or blue T-shirt with trainers or plimsolls. Tracksuit bottoms may be worn in cold weather. Children should bring their PE kit in a drawstring bag, on the first day of term and leave it in school until half term. Jewellery should not be worn to school, with the exception of small studs, which should be removed by the child for all PE lessons.

## Birthdays

In line with the school's healthy eating policy, please do not send in party bags, sweets, etc. when it is your child's birthday. You can however, send in a cake for classmates, ready cut, with a napkins or bags. Please do not send in whole cakes which have not been pre-cut!

## Homework

Children will be given a weekly spellings list to learn based on a spelling pattern (the test for which, will be on a Thursday). Children should practise their 2x, 5x and 10x tables which they will be tested on in school for their times tables passport. It is also expected, that children will read to an adult every day for around 15-20 minutes.

## Book Bags

Children should bring their book bags to school each day with their reading book and reading record. Book bags can be purchased from the office. Children may also bring a bottle of water, but please do not send it to school in the book bag.

## Uniform

Children are expected to wear school uniform. This can be purchased from the office. Please ensure that **all** uniform and PE kit is clearly labelled with your child's name. In general, children should not wear jewellery to school but small ear studs are permitted.

If you have any issues or concerns, please feel free to make an appointment to see your child's teacher.