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Year Two - Summer Term Newsletter 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are in the busy Summer Term of Year Two! We are looking forward to happy times of exciting learning.

Summer Term Curriculum Year Two

Reading

We continue to adopt various organisational approaches:

Individual Reading using “Accelerated Reader Scheme”-

The children must have their individual books from the “Accelerated Reader Scheme”. These are collected independently by the children from the school library and are to be taken home. These are the books that make up your child’s regular home reading and should be kept in their book bags. These are coded according to the level of challenge that they present. The children should be aware of their appropriate selection basket. These books should be changed by the children when necessary after the children have taken the online quiz for that particular text. They will have opportunities to change books during the school day (such as before register, at break time and at lunch time). There will also be regular occasions when a member of the Year Two Team will talk to your child about the books they have been reading and the quizzes that they have taken. We are able to monitor their completion of quizzes using the online system and see how well they are doing.

Whole Class Texts –

We will be working on selected texts as a whole class. There will be differentiation of activities according to children’s needs and levels of ability.



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Library Books -

The children can choose a non-fiction book from the Library each week. They will have an opportunity to change or renew this during the week. This is a free choice to reflect their personal interests. The children can check books in and out using the electronic library system.

Literacy, Punctuation, Grammar and Vocabulary -

We will be working hard to develop the children's use of punctuation, grammar and vocabulary in accordance with the key objectives outlined in the National Curriculum and seen as key targets for children in Year 2.

This will underpin all of the work that we do in our English lessons. There will be weekly lessons designed to explicitly focus on different elements of this.

Handwriting -

We are having a very specific focus on the development of neat handwriting and the effective presentation of written work. We will be employing a range of strategies for this. We hope that you are already able to see good progress in your child's handwriting development over the course of the year.

Mathematics -

Mathematics is given very high priority. It is taught every day. I will keep you informed of which particular areas we are covering through frequent "Blogs".

Please continue to encourage the use of "Mathletics" and "Time Table Rock Stars" online resources at home

Other Curriculum Topics include:

- Science work involving "Plants", with particular focus on identifying different things that plants need to grow successfully
- Habitats and endangered animals of Great Britain, emphasis on wildfowl and the waterside habitat.
- "The Wind in the Willows" story as an impetus for work in English and in Art lessons
- "Lumps and Bumps" of the South Dorset Ridgeway - A look at the barrows and other ancient features of our local landscape. Includes visits with Mr. Steve Wallis, D.C.C Archaeologist
- The Parables of Jesus (Christianity Topic in R.E.)
- "Relationships" and "Changing Me" are our PHSE Topics

We will be carrying out the statutory Standards and Testing Agency Year 2 Tests from Monday 13th May through to Friday 24th May.

We will also be involved in additional gardening and cooking activities. Any parents who would like to join us, to lend their expertise in these areas would be gratefully appreciated.

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Dates for your diaries - Year Two Class Events:

Y2 Parents Information Session – Friday 10th May (9.00am) includes details of our PHSE programme “Changing Me” -How our bodies change as we develop into adults.

Life Education Van - Thursday 9th and Friday 10th May

S.A.Ts. - Year 2 Tests - Monday 13th May through to Friday 24th May.

Class Photographs – Tuesday 18th June

Year Two Class Assembly is on Friday 21st June (9.20 a.m.)

“Y2 Meet the Author” - Laura James at T.H. School - Monday 1st July

Inclusive Sports Fortnight - 1st July - 12th July

Dance Day – Friday 5th July

K.S. 1 “Sports Day” - Wednesday 10th July

As you can see there are lots of things lined up for Year Two this term!

Other activities may well be added to this list; and there are other things too that involve the whole school.

All of these activities have been planned to enrich the curriculum and to give the children an exciting time at school.

Social, Emotional Aspects of Learning (Jigsaw) -

At the Prince of Wales School we all follow a structured programme, aimed at delivering a sequence of lessons designed to promote emotional literacy and develop social skills. The focus for this half term is “Relationships”. Next half-term, the topic is “Changing Me”.

Home Learning -

I will be continuing to ask the children to do small amounts of “home learning” each week. The weekly “home learning” activity will be given out on Wednesdays (to coincide with any letters sent out to parents from the school office). This will take the form of a piece of writing, finding out about a particular topic or having a go at Mathematics activity. The “home learning” will be explained on a “Blog” that you can access through the school’s website.

Mathletics, Times Table Rockstars and Purple Mash -

We would like to encourage the children to regularly log in to Mathletics, Times Table Rockstars and Purple Mash (following the “Pupil Links” on the school website). This will enable them to continue to learn and develop skills by following familiar and appropriate online educational resources.

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Snacks -

We are keen that the children have a **healthy** snack at Break Time. Your child should put his/her snack in the "Snack Tray" when they arrive at school. Children have the chance to drink a glass of milk at break times.

Water -

We are keen that the children should have access to water in the classroom as there is much evidence to support the idea that this helps them to learn. Please give your child a named water container. This can stay at school and they can top it up in the Servery when necessary. This is separate to the drink that you provide for their lunch.

Communication between School and Parents (Year Two)

Blogs - I will continue to write regular "blogs" on the school website. These will be brief details of what we have been up to in class, and comments about what things will be coming up soon. To view these go to the "Year Two" section on the website.

Please feel that you can approach me or any of the Year Two Teaching Team to discuss any issues, worries, concerns that you may have when you drop off and pick up your child.

If you would like to arrange a more detailed or confidential chat with me, then I would, of course, be very happy to make an appointment for you to do so.

Yours sincerely,

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